

Plot Inspections

Liverpool City Council have now requested that allotment Committees carry out regular plot inspections. The Committee are asked to write to people who don't appear to work on their plots. This system operates throughout the city, so please don't blame the Committee if you get a letter, they are just carrying out the rules of the system.

NOTE – are you experiencing any difficulties?

Anyone having difficulty with their plot may speak to a committee member for advice, or if you have a full plot and feel that you would be better able to cope with a smaller area, then arrangements may be possible to split your plot in half.



Display your Plot Number

At the AGM everybody was encouraged to display their plot number.

2015 Rent Increase

Liverpool City Council have said that there may be a rent increase next year. We'll let people know once a decision has been made.

Seed Potatoes & Onion Sets

Our seed potatoes are now in stock and we have the following varieties for £3 a bag:

Potatoes: 1st Early Maris Bard, Rocket and Red Duke of York

Potatoes: 2nd Early Wilja, Charlotte and Kestrel

Potatoes: Main Maris Piper, Desiree and King Edward

Onion sets should be in stock by the end of the month.

Please use our stores, we have a good selection and sell at discounted prices. Any small profit goes back to the allotments.



The Plot

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Radio Merseyside visits Allotments

In August Sean Styles from Radio Merseyside visited our allotment site to interview people about allotments and our Open Day.

Sean had a good look around the allotments and chatted with our President Eric Shaw who filled him in on some of the history of our allotments.

Plotolders Joan and Colin

Langeveld chatted about the work that's happened to improve the allotments and Terry from Lime Court talked about their plot and the work that they do on the allotments.



Sean Styles with Lime Court on their plot.

Allotment Competition

Last year we entered the Liverpool Annual Allotments Competition again.

Congratulations to Tommy Hall, he won second best plot in Liverpool.

14 allotment sites entered the competition and 70 individual plots were entered. We came fourth in the Best Kept Allotment site category.

Tommy is pictured receiving his award from Liverpool City Council Allotments Officer Alan Morrow.



Visit our website - www.ashfieldallotments.co.uk

Open Day and Flower Show



This year was our sixth Annual Flower Show and it was by far the best we've had. The weather was disappointing on the day but we still made a profit. We had the most entries ever this year in to the show and we were really pleased to see lots of new people entering. The Judge commented that the all the entries were at a really high standard.



Thanks go to George for all the work he did organising the erection of the marquee and growing produce for sale on the day.



Our Open Day in May was also very successful and we raised lots of money from the plants that were sold.

We'd like to thank all of volunteers who helped at the Open Days.

Flower Show Results

Most Points in the Show -
George Holmes

Most Points in Vegetables -
George Holmes

Most Points in Flowers -
Maureen Coackley

Most Points in Novice -
Ken Hines

Most Points in Baking & Preserves –
Ann Blackhurst

Most Points in Junior section -
Abigail and Eve Howared



Annual General Meeting

On Sunday 13th October we held our Annual General Meeting which was well attended. The New Committee and Officers were elected—

Daniel Barrington - *Chairman* Plot 68

Vacancy - *Secretary*

Joe Roper - *Treasurer* Plot 46

George Holmes - *Storekeeper* Plot 67

Colin Langeveld - *Membership* Plot 25

Vacancy - *Show Secretary*

Eric Shaw - *President*

John Byrne Plot 42

John Morris Plot 72A/73A

Ken Hines Plot

Eddie Wilson Plot 71

Terry Wilson Plot 71

Neil Davies Plot 8

Joan Langeveld - *Co-opted Member*

All Committee members are volunteers and are not paid, everyone on the committee gives up their own time to help run the allotment site.

Plot holders raised issues around our water system and we're looking into plans to upgrade some of the piping and add some additional taps. This will require a lot of work so we'll need volunteers as it's too expensive to pay for the work to be done.

The committee meet up monthly, every second Sunday of the month. If you have an issue you'd like the committee to discuss then please see a member of the committee or email d.barrington@hotmail.co.uk.

Reminders

Please show consideration to other plot holders, do not go on to another person's plot without their permission.

The gates must be locked at all times

Dogs brought on to the site must be kept on a lead at all times

You must not water your plot with a hose

Children must be supervised at all times. The Committee and Council try to make the site safe and secure but allotments by nature are hazardous places.

Remember to read the notice they are updated regularly with information that all plot holders should know.