

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.

Allotment Toilet Facilities

We are looking into applying for funding to improve our toilet facilities. Please give us your views on the current toilet facilities and let us know if you think we need new toilet facilities by completing the survey below or doing it online - www.surveymonkey.com/s/29QDDP2

Please complete our survey

1. On an average day, how many people are on your plot ?
Male..... Female.....
2. On average, how many days per week are you on your plot?
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3. Do you think the present toilet facility is adequate?
No..... Yes.....
4. How important do you think it is to have new toilet facilities on the site?
a. Very important. b. Quite important. c. Not important. d. Not interested.
(tick one box)

Plot No.....

Please return to us when you pay your rent or pass it to a committee member

The Plot

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Annual Flower and Vegetable Show



Last year was our seventh Annual Flower Show and it was by far the best we've had. We had lots of entries again and it was good to see new people taking part. The Judge commented that 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 -
Catherine Edwards

Most Points in Baking & Preserves –
Ann Blackhurst

Most Points in Junior section -
Hannah Edwards



Annual General Meeting

On Sunday 12th 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

Daniel Barrington - *Show Secretary*

Eric Shaw - *President*

John Byrne Plot 42

John Morris Plot 72A/73A

Ken Hines Plot 13

Eddie Wilson Plot 71

Terry Wilson Plot 71

Neil Davies Plot 8

Marilyn Gray Plot 51A

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.

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.

Allotment Competition

This year we'll be entering the Liverpool Annual allotments Competition again. We will be asking ploholders to nominate their top five plots. Judging for the competition usually takes place in late June. Last year two of our plots came in the top ten, Tommy Hall came fifth and Gary Flack came eight.



Display your Plot Number

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

Seed Potatoes & Onion Sets

Our seed potatoes and onion sets will be in stock

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



Thinking about keeping hens?



We first allowed hens to be kept on the allotments in 2009 but before we did we made sure that an agreement was drawn up which ploholders would have to sign.

This was to make sure that hens we cared for in the right way and don't cause a nuisance or encourage vermin.

You must be willing to visit the allotments everyday to feed them and make sure they have fresh water and make sure that the coop is cleaned regularly and the birds are fit, healthy and free from pests and disease.

Anybody who wants to keep hens must get permission from the committee before they erect a coop and agree to sign up to the agreement.

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 ploholders should know.