

grass CUTTINGS

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hello again, now we are almost in Spring, after a thankfully mild, without too much rain Winter. The lower rainfall has certainly been a relief for our allotment holders who normally suffer with Winter flooding.

ITV/Coronation Street continue to include our allotments in their story line; their early January filming was all day and included an evening sequence using their generator for selected shots; the actual programme viewing dates are included in our SHAS web page under Events. We are not sure if and when ITV will return to our allotments.

As mentioned previously, your committee is preparing costs for several projects to be part funded with ITV's contributions. Our first project will be to rectify the dampness and apply a hard wearing floor covering in the Hoe-Down. We will begin this project once the weather is warmer to ensure the flooring sealing is fully effective.

Our allotments are starting to emerge from Winter, showing initial growth ready to be brought under control. We still have 14 people on our waiting list which is a good sign; so please avoid a plot condition warning letter from our Plots Secretary, Louise!

Elaine has ordered the onion sets and seed potatoes so don't miss them by delaying your visit to our trading hut.

Jonathan will be organising our plant sale on 6 May as usual, please pick a price list from our trading hut or print your order form from our Web page.

We are trying to create a nature area in the un-useable area near Plot 62. We have used the probation service to clear the area ready for the wildlife to arrive!

Let us all have a healthy and an enjoyable productive allotment year!

Regards, Don Jackson



PLOT RENTALS AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS



It's that time of year when we ask you to renew your membership of SHAS and pay for plot rentals, as appropriate.

Last year we updated our payment method by asking plot holders to consider paying by Bank Transfer. Thank you to all who did this, as it was a great help to us and it received good feedback from those who used the method.

This year we have taken the next step in updating our process by sending out email bills to the 85% of our members who have given us their email address, with letters going to members who haven't got or haven't given us an email address. The initial response to the emails has been very positive, and I would like to thank all of you who have already paid.

If you haven't received a bill either as an email or a letter, if you have any queries, or if you have decided to give up your plot, please call me as soon as possible on **0161 283 0783** or email me at: tonyturnbullxyz@hotmail.com.

Will plot holders also please note that the final date for receipt of Plot Rental payments is 28 February 2016, so that we can comply with the terms of our lease, which require us to send full payment and plot holder details to Trafford Council by the end of March... so don't delay, please reply today!

Tony Turnbull, Membership Secretary

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TRADING HUT NEWS

Supplies of seed potatoes, onion sets and shallots are now available to buy from the Trading Hut, varieties and prices as follows:

POTATOES

1st Earlies Swift
 2nd Earlies Charlotte
 Main Crop Cara, Desiree
All 90p per kg

Main Crop Sarpo Mira (Blight Resistant)
£1.10 per kg

ONION SETS

Sturon (White) 250gm
 Red Baron 250gm

SHALLOTS

Golden Gourmet 250gm
All 90p per bag



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TRADING HUT OPENING 2017 IS AS FOLLOWS:

	SATURDAY		SUNDAY		
February	4		12	19	26
March	4		12	19	26
April	1		9	16	23 30
May	6		14	21	28
June	3		11	18	
July	1		16		
August	5		20		
September	2	30	10	17	24
October	8				

The Trading Hut is open to members between 10.30 and 12.00 on the above dates. New members welcome.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Tuesday 7 March 2017 7.30pm
 St Mary's Church Hall, Moss Lane, Sale
 Please come along and support your committee.

SHAS ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Saturday 6 May 2017
 Plant lists and order forms available soon.

A warm welcome to the following new plot holders. We wish them a very rewarding and productive growing experience.

Plot 1 Tom Hartley
 Plot 5a Sheila Aspinall
 Plot 9a Chris Abbot
 Plot 9c Paul Kennedy
 Plot 22b Georgie and Simon McCarthy
 and their 2 children
 Plot 47 Mat Williams
 Plot 50 Richard Tyldesley

