

grass CUTTINGS

FEB:2020

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Well, here we are again, Christmas and the New Year celebrations have shot by, all the merrymaking and an occasional sore head finished! We now have to anticipate and plan our gardening, be it at home or on the allotments. I personally will be down to half a plot, dictated by my age and shortage of breath! A new younger and enthusiastic Chairman is needed — any volunteers?

2019 was quite a progressive year. We received a few minor awards from Trafford MBC, plus Louise and your committee picked some of our hard working and new tenants to reward with our Trading Hut Vouchers. Well done all. We have full occupancy of our allotments, and Tony has 12 on our waiting list, which is a very positive indicator.

Global warming problems/effects seem to have passed by, but I am just reading that heavy snow and wild winds are forecasted, let us hope it stays a forecast and not a fact!

Your Committee has agreed we need at least 2 additional members, we meet normally only 3 times a year! Please help by contacting any existing committee member.

As normal, I must thank your Committee on your behalf, for their help with the day to day running of SHAS, as without it we would not function! Please consider my requests above seriously, and volunteer?

Best regards and let us have an enjoyable and healthy year,
Don Jackson

YOUR COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

We're on the look-out for some new blood to join our Committee and take an active role in managing and maintaining our allotment site. We all have busy lives, what with work, looking after children, helping out with grandchildren, etc, but if you can contribute some of your time and experience by joining the Committee and getting actively involved with the running of our allotments, it would go a long way to ensure that we can continue in maintaining our site as an attractive area for all of us to work in and enjoy.

If you think you can contribute in some way, please contact any member of the committee and we will be happy to discuss how you can help.

FIRES AT THE ALLOTMENT

Fires are allowed on site from 1 October to 31 March. Please be mindful of our neighbours by avoiding burning wet wood or plant material which causes excessive smoke. **Don't let fires burn for long periods of time or leave them unattended.** Your co-operation is much appreciated.

HORSE MANURE

We always have a plentiful supply of horse manure delivered to the bay at the side of the Trading Hut. It's best to use well-rotted manure, so why not pile up some bags on your plot, or empty them into a compost bin and in a few months' time, you'll have a really useful source of manure for your veggies.



PLOT RENTALS AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

By now you should have received either an email or letter, asking for your membership fee and plot rental payments for the year.

If you haven't, please contact me on: tonyturnbullxyz@hotmail.com or call me on: 0161 283 0783. If you've decided to give up your plot it's important you let me know asap.

Will plot holders please note that the final date for receipt of Plot Rental payments is 29 February 2020. **Late payment may result in you losing your plot... so don't delay, please reply today!**

Thanks to the many of you who have already paid, and especially those who paid by BACS Bank Transfer, which makes my job a lot easier — the first payment actually arrived in the SHAS Bank Account just 6 minutes after I sent out the emails!

Thanks for your support and here's to a productive 2020. **Tony Turnbull, Membership Secretary**



TRADING HUT NEWS

Our Trading Hut re-opens on Saturday 1 February 2020 at 10.30am. Opening dates are listed below. We stock a range of products at very competitive prices, including:

- Composts and growbags
- Potash, lime and general fertilisers
- Other items such as wild bird food, grit, bamboo canes and labels

A full stock list with prices is available on our website www.shas.org.uk/TradingHut.

If you're new to the allotment and haven't visited the Hut before, why not call in one weekend when we're open and support Elaine and our band of volunteers who help out. There's often a bunch of plot holders there on a Sunday morning buying products, or simply socialising and catching up. Good horticultural advice is always in abundance!

Seed Potatoes and Onion Sets will be available to purchase in mid-February, varieties and prices are as follows:

POTATOES

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

ONION SETS

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|-------------------------|------|
| Sturon (White) | 275g |
| Red Baron | 275g |
| Golden Gourmet Shallots | 275g |
| All 90p per bag | |



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Tuesday 3 March 2020 7.30pm
The Salvation Army Community Hall,
Ashton Lane, Sale

Please come along and show your support.

SHAS ANNUAL PLANT SALE

As usual we will be having our annual plant sale in May. Plant lists and order forms will be available shortly.

SHEDS AND GREENHOUSES

If you want to erect a shed or greenhouse on your plot, you do need to seek approval from the committee first, so please contact Louise to discuss what you want to do. Sheds should be no bigger than 6ft x 4ft and greenhouses no bigger than 6ft x 8ft. Structures are to be kept away from site boundaries to enable the mower to be manoeuvred along paths and its position should not be detrimental to neighbouring plots. Any new greenhouse should have polycarbonate glazing. If any glass panes break in an existing greenhouse, these should be replaced with polycarbonate glazing.

TRADING HUT OPENING DATES 2020

| | SATURDAY | SUNDAY | |
|-----------|----------|-------------|--|
| February | 1 | 9 16 23 | |
| March | 7 | 15 22 29 | |
| April | 4 | 12 19 26 | |
| May | 2 | 10 17 24 31 | |
| June | 6 | 14 21 28 | |
| July | 4 | 19 | |
| August | 1 | 16 30 | |
| September | 5 | 13 20 27 | |

The Trading Hut is open to all members between 10.30 and 12.00 noon

NEW PLOT HOLDERS

Welcome to our new plot holders, we wish them a rewarding and productive allotment experience.

Paul Hooton Plot 37c // Robert and Michelle Westthorp Plot 27

Craig Bradley Plot 47f // Mrs F Afraz Plot 56a