

grass CUTTINGS

JAN:2018

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hi all...

2017 seems to have flown by. Weather-wise it was reasonably kind; only a few extremes, resulting in successful growing of most crops in our gardens and on our allotments — I know I had to use my lawn mower well into November! I am pleased to report the majority of our plots have been well maintained, there were just a few exceptions where plot holders have been warned or in an extreme case given an eviction notice; we feel this is only correct and understanding to the 12 people currently on our waiting list, each eager to start. We ask plot holders who are considering giving up their plot to contact Louise or Tony ASAP.

ITV/Coronation Street used our allotments location again for filming one of their stories and may return again this year.

Our annual plant sale was a great success as normal due to our efficient team of helpers led by Jonathan plus the high quality of the plants.

Unfortunately several plot holders were victims of thefts last year, one lost almost all their strawberries.

These thefts and health and safety measures for our plot holders have resulted in our request to lock our gates both on entry and leaving.

Trafford finally made safe several willows along our boundaries, which were dangerous, overhanging and preventing cultivation due to excessive shading.

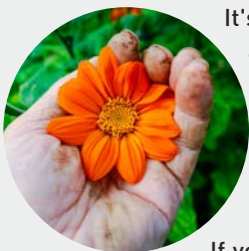
During the latter part of 2017 and more recently, several of our allotment plots have suffered flooding mainly due to excessive rainfall and being low-lying; regretfully our only solution is to add extra soil when available.

I must not forget to thank David, Tony and Roger for their efforts keeping our main paths tidy, cut and green.

Finally, as usual I must thank, on your behalf, our hard working committee members who, without their dedicated hard work and time spent for SHAS it would collapse. May I wish all members and their families a productive and healthy 2018.

**Best 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 sent our most of our bills by email, and this proved to be very successful. Therefore this year we have again emailed bills to the 90% 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.

If you use email but haven't seen an email from tonyturnbull@vil.org.uk, will you please check your junk mail folder to see if it is there. If you haven't received a bill 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.

I would like to thank in advance everybody who pays promptly — it makes my job a lot easier! But will plot holders please note that the final date for receipt of Plot Rental payments is 28 February 2018, 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!

Thanks for your support, and here's to a productive 2018.

Tony Turnbull, Membership Secretary

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TRADING HUT NEWS

Seed potatoes, onion sets and shallots will be available to buy from the Trading Hut approximately **11 February**, varieties and prices as follows:

POTATOES

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

ONION SETS

Sturon (White) 300gm
 Red Baron 300gm

SHALLOTS

Golden Gourmet 300gm
 All 90p per bag



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TRADING HUT OPENING 2018 IS AS FOLLOWS:

	SATURDAY	SUNDAY			
February	3	11	18	25	
March	3	11	18	25	
April	7	15	22	29	
May	5	13	20	27	
June	2	10	17	24	
July	7		22		
August	4		19		
September	1	9	16	23	30
October	6				

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



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

Plot 51a Stephen Elder
 Plot 37b Andrew Moorehouse
 Plot 1b Nigel Allmark
 Plot 61b Graham Ball
 Plot 23b Zoe Allen
 Plot 52b Stephen Hampson
 Plot 13a Tim Clear
 Plot 56b Bo Yang
 Plot 47 Joan Asghari

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Tuesday 6 March 2018 7.30pm
 The Cedar Room, St Mary's Church, Moss Lane, Sale
 Please come along and support your committee.

SHAS ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Saturday 5 May 2018

Plant lists and order forms will be available soon and will be forwarded by email with additional copies available from the Trading Hut.

KINGS SEEDS – ORDER SCHEME

Kings Seeds offer discounted prices on their seed range to societies who are members of the NSALG. Seed catalogues and price lists are available from the Trading Hut, the prices published with this catalogue are already discounted from the standard retail price. Marjorie Baggaley has kindly volunteered to act as co-ordinator; please contact Margery/Peter on **0161 962 5642** if you wish to take advantage of this scheme.

Orders will be submitted by 7 February 2018.