

grass CUTTINGS

JAN-2019

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Well hello again. Could I send you a brief resume of 2018, a year which has certainly passed quickly? First the weather through most of the year was relatively kind to gardeners, sorry I sound like a weather forecaster who is 100% correct on what has happened but quite variable on what is to come!

Overall we have continued a high standard of allotment conditions, we won the Best Allotment in Sale from Trafford MBC. Our allotment plot waiting list has risen to 19, which is a very good indicator and it gives us a little tool to explain to the occasional lax plot holder. We have managed to retain supplies of wood chippings, leaves (for leaf mold) and manure, including an additional new source of manure from Wythenshawe Park farm activities. We rented a couple of skips to dispose of a fair amount of unwanted items, I was advised that most skip loads are sorted into reclaimable items at a main depot in Walkden which I am sure you will agree is very reassuring. We plan to order more skips in early spring when plot action and the weather improves.

We have some ex-Trafford black wheelie bins available

by our Hoe Down Hut to collect rainwater wherever possible, please help yourself (water costs will become quite an item in the future mark my words!).

During the winter we have given our Trading hut a refurbishment including improved shelves to help Elaine and her helpers.

Thankfully we have had only a few instances of stealing and vandalism on our site, if you witness a happening please report it to a committee member.

Continuous maintenance of our main pathways, equipment, buildings and irrigation points is managed by our team of helpers and as always I must thank on your behalf our committee and helpers for their time and efforts throughout the year as without them SHAS would certainly not run so efficiently.

While I am thanking people I must not forget Trafford MBC and in particular the Allotment Officer, Janet Long, for her support throughout the year

Best wishes and regards for 2019, Don Jackson

FIRE ALERT We have received a complaint from Trafford's Environmental Health Officer, Pollution and Housing Team regarding a plot holder burning rubbish and plastic on site. We request that all plot holders be considerate and not cause a nuisance to local residents and other plot holders when having a fire. We recommend that if you need to burn dry woody material then please do this using the metal baskets located on the community plot away from neighbours and as a reminder fires are only permitted from 1 October until 31 March.

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.



For the last two years we have sent out most of our bills by email, and this has proved to be very successful. Therefore this year we have again emailed bills to over 90% of our members who have given us their email address, and sent letters 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@vill.org.uk, will you please check your junk mail folder to see if it is there. If you haven't received a bill as either an email or a letter, if you have any queries about your bill, or if you have decided to give up your plot, please email me at tonyturnbullxyz@hotmail.com or call me on **0161 283 0783** as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance everybody who pays promptly — and especially those who pay by BACS Bank Transfer — it makes my job a lot easier!

Will plot holders please note that the final date for receipt of Plot Rental payments is 28 February 2019, 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. Late payment may result in you losing your plot... so don't delay, please reply today!

Thanks for your support, and here's to a productive 2019. **Tony Turnbull, Membership Secretary**

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TRADING HUT NEWS

Supplies of seed potatoes, onion sets and shallots will be available to buy from the Trading Hut from mid 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



TRADING HUT OPENING 2019 IS AS FOLLOWS:

	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
February	2	10 17 24
March	2	10 17 24 31
April	6	14 21 28
May	4	12 19 26
June	1	9 16 23
July	6	21
August	3 31	25
September		8 15 22 29

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



New Committee Members

During the past year our committee membership has increased. We have two new volunteers; Peter who has been involving the local nursery school in growing veg in raised beds he has constructed on the community plot and Janet who although the newest member has already made a great contribution at our meetings, taking minutes, proof reading documents and assisting with plot inspections.

We wish to appoint a Social Secretary who with the support of the committee could co-ordinate social events and activities. If interested, please contact Louise or Don.

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

Plot 1 Andrew Rowley
Plot 40a Chris Robinson
Plot 55a Eileen Garry
Plot 57b Maria Sykes

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AGM

Tuesday 5 March 2019 7.30pm
The Salvation Army, Community Hall,
Ashton Lane, Sale

Please come along and support your committee.

SHAS ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Saturday 4 May 2019

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

Trafford Council Allotment Awards 2018

Following the Council's annual allotment inspection SHAS was judged and awarded the 'Best Site in Sale'. Plot 49c Adrian and Liz Horn received a Very Highly Commended award and Plot 41 Gary Stiles was awarded Highly Commended. Plots 2b, 19a, 20a, 36 and 59 received letters of recognition as testament to the time and effort that had been put into the plots. Well done to everyone involved.