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MY FINAL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Well here we are again, regrettably still in Covid-19 virus and unfortunately no-one on earth can predict when it will finish! We/they have management problems in America the so called World Leader!

Let us look for some positives SHAS wise. As a result of Jane and Tony's recent SHAS status reports, I am very pleased to advise you that we have 3 plot holders, Chris Abbott (Plot 2) Phil Gorman (Plot 15) and Dave Knight (Plot 36a) who are all willing to join the SHAS committee and be considered to take over my Chairman's position, each to be elected by SHAS members at our AGM hopefully in the Spring, virus permitting!

We are still awaiting a response from Trafford Council regarding the SHAS Lease renewal, our request originated in March 2020! I have asked Councillor Rigby to help to urge some much needed action.

Lockdown has been very taxing to all over the past months, but it has been very helpful to our added activity both in our gardens/allotments and our DIY at home.

Slightly improving weather is helping progress in our gardens and allotments, trees and plants are starting to show sprouts of growth. As always I must, on your behalf, thank our Committee for their continuing work in running SHAS in a very efficient manner.

I will remain as a committee member to offer what help I can.

Best wishes to you and yours for a better and enjoyable 2021.

Don Jackson,
Chairman

// NEW CHAIRPERSON FOR SHAS

We all know that in March of this year, after 15 years as Chairman of SHAS, Don Jackson is standing down from this role to enjoy a well-earned break.

As a result of the letter which was sent to all SHAS members in December, asking for volunteers to take on the role of Chairperson and work with Committee members to continue management of the site for the good of us all, as Don has mentioned in his report, three excellent candidates have put their name forward.

Although Committee meetings are not actually being held in person at the moment, Committee members are still working together via email/telephone and a proposal was put forward that Chris, Phil and Dave be co-opted onto the Committee with immediate effect.

This proposal was agreed and we are therefore very pleased to welcome **Chris Abbott** (Plot 2), **Phil Gorman** (Plot 15) and **Dave Knight** (Plot 36a) to the Committee as co-opted members, with a view to all three being nominated for election to the SHAS Committee at the next AGM, with one of them standing for the position of Chairman.

Our AGMs are normally held at the beginning of March, but with no clear insight as to when Covid restrictions might be lifted, it is difficult at this stage to say when or how we will hold our AGM. However, be assured, that during the coming weeks the Committee will be discussing how we can address the issue of holding the AGM and of formally electing our new Chairman to take over from Don.



// NEW PLOT HOLDERS

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

Andy Slim Plot (14a) / **Lee Griffith** (Plot 39b) / **Mohammad Fazal** (Plot 58)

Liz Edwards has moved from Plot 26 to Plot 51a

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// PLOT RENTALS AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

By now you should have received either an email or letter requesting payment of your membership fee and plot rental for the year, and asking you to check the details we hold about you. If you haven't received the email/letter; if you have any queries about the charges; or if any of your details need updating, please email me at tonyturnbullxyz@hotmail.com or call me on **0161 283 0783** as soon as possible.

Many thanks to those who have already paid, and especially those who paid by Bank Transfer – it makes my life a lot easier!

Will plot holders please note that the final date for receipt of Plot Rental payments is 28 February 2021, as we must complete and send in our returns 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 again for your support, and here's to a productive 2021.

Tony Turnbull, Membership Secretary



// TRADING HUT NEWS

Normally I'd be telling you the 2021 opening dates for the Trading Hut, but as in 2020 and for the time being at least, things will once again be operated slightly differently because of Covid restrictions.

On Sunday **21 February** from **10am to 12noon**, seed potatoes and onion sets will be on sale.

No need to pre-order, just turn up, but make sure you plan in advance what you want and bring the correct money with you. **You'll need to observe social distancing rules and wear a mask please.**

VARIETIES ON SALE WILL BE:

POTATOES

1st Earlies Arran Pilot
2nd Earlies Charlotte
Main Crop Desiree and Cara

All priced at £1 per kg bag

ONION SETS

Sturon (White)
Red Baron
Golden Gourmet Shallots

All priced at £1 per 275g bag

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I'll **only** be selling seed potatoes and onion sets that day.

It's planned that the Trading Hut will then open weekly from 28 February to sell any remaining potatoes, onion sets and other stock.

I'll send out a separate email around the 16 February confirming the ordering process which will be in place and the Trading Hut opening dates. So if you want to purchase items, please do look out for my email.

Thank you for your support.

Elaine Watson, Trading Hut Manager

