## Sale Horticultural & Allotment Society

## Newsletter April '04 & AGM Notification

Hello again, this Newsletter is particularly to advise you of the date of the AGM and to keep you up to date with the recent happenings in our Society with particular regard to the significant changes in the executive committee and the financial running of SHAS.

## AGM is on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2004 Music Room - St Mary's Church, Moss Lane, Sale 7:30pm

Wendy and Geoff Talbot have resigned as Treasurer and Allotment Secretary respectively; their resignations have been accepted.

Jonathan Richards, one of our newer executive committee members has agreed to step in as Treasurer and will seek official election at the next AGM. He has now reviewed the Society's transactions from last year and with the very limited documentation available, prepared some revised accounts, and is very concerned with the current financial state of SHAS.

The executive committee has approved and adopted his recommendations for a far more open but controlled approach to the society's spending for this year and onwards. This has already had a real cash benefit to the society. However, you need to be aware that the state of SHAS finances could mean increases in both Society and Allotment subscriptions next year.

Ken Bostock has agreed to become both Society Membership and Allotment Membership Secretary dealing with subscriptions etc., much as it was until recent years. As an interim measure, Kevin Brooks and I will look after the running of the Allotment plots until a suitable person can be found to take over this role.

Please be assured the Trading hut will continue to trade, the Bedding Plant Sale will take place, and we hope to hold a SHAS Show again this year but this time for members only. We also want to continue the tradition of a Gala/ Hotpot Supper/ Awards Evening.

Due to the reduced committee it is critical that we enrol New Blood and enthusiasm into the running of SHAS. For those interested: we hold around six meetings a year mixed with around 5 social functions – including the SHAS Gardening Show and Gala Evening. If you can spare some time to join our committee and/or help with any of the functions please contact any committee member. I hope to see you all on the 26<sup>th</sup> at St Mary's Church.

## Don Jackson Chairman