

TIMSBURY ALLOTMENTS

ANNUAL REPORT

DECEMBER 2020

1. Finance (Tim)

The rent for 2021 will stay at £20 for a full plot.

Attached are the allotment accounts as of 6/12/20. As you will see we have now spent some money, having had the old tool repaired (just under £100) as well as buying a new multi-tool (approx £370). This leaves around £270 until the next £400 from the PC, due April 2021.

Regarding rent payments **due January 4th 2021**: Rents can be paid in two ways:

EITHER in an envelope through door to **T. Nobbs, the Old School, South Road** - please **mark envelope with NAME and PLOT NUMBER**, and state if receipt required.

OR the rent can pay into our account:

Timsbury Allotments Management Committee
Barclays Bank
Sort code: 20-05-06
Account: 03724239

Please check the above above numbers carefully, and use Name and Plot as Reference, eg. **Nobbs_40** (only one plot number needed for those with more than one).

2. Tenancy changes/waiting list (Sandra)

New tenants

Williams	plot 1	(ex Gilchrist)
Munro	plot 11	(ex Woods)
Hobbs	plot 19	(ex Donnelly)
Pearce	plot 23	(ex Crudge)
Wall	plot 29	(ex Baker)
Fulton	plot 52 top.	(ex ?)

Plots vacant January 2021 - 10 and 66

Waiting list - 7

3. Field Maintenance (Bob, Terry, Steve)

Sandra contacted Ben Flower at the beginning of February this year for hedge cutting and having shown him the western hedge, got a quote of £60 but then February continued very wet and windy with lots of storms and finally COVID arrived at the beginning of March so that was it. This will now have to be arranged for the beginning of 2021.

Wessex Power contacted us about the trees in the northern hedge, which had grown too high and were now threatening the power lines overhead. These needed to be trimmed. This duly took place after the plottolders in that corner of the field had been alerted.

State of the grassy lanes - Please could people **NOT** drive cars etc. onto the allotment field in the winter as it makes it very difficult for Mike to mow the grass due to the dips in the ground. Thank you for your co-operation.

4. Election of Officers and Committee

For the moment, the committee will continue as before.

5. AOB

COVID19

COVID19 entered our lives in March but we were all still allowed to carry on allotmenting. A notice went up to remind people to maintain social distancing whilst on the field. There were no Allotment committee meetings because of lock-down. There was no Timsbury flower show this year as that was cancelled due to the pandemic.

Car parking area

Two 'trailers' (one burnt out and the other an old wooden/metal horse-box) appeared on the car parking area at the end of October. Chris Gittins was alerted and he has been to see the owners a couple of times about their removal. Apparently the trailers belong to the Archers who live in the cottage on the other side of the cottage opposite the car parking area. The 'garden' was being cleared so pigs could take up residence. At the time of writing, the trailers are still there but apparently are due to be removed by a scrap merchant's lorry with a crane so the trailers can be lifted up and away. We all hope this problem can be resolved as soon as possible but it is up to the PC to deal with it, not us.

Bonfire area

A mega bonfire was masterminded by Bob, Jeremy, Terry and Dave Nash in October on a day when the wind was blowing from the south. They discovered that a lot of the material left there was compostable and not suitable for burning. This is not the first

time that ploholders have been asked to deal with compostable material on their plots and not dump it in the NE corner for burning. The day after the mega bonfire, more compostable material appeared so the message has not got through. It has, therefore, been suggested that the bonfire area should be decommissioned altogether, and be replaced by a fruit tree to join the others in the communal orchard in that corner of the field.

Plot 68

It has been suggested that this plot, an awkward shape in the NE corner of the field, be divided into two as it is bigger than the full size plots. If so, then a few helping hands would be appreciated to clear it ready for potential ploholders.

Rent-free plot for 2021

It has been suggested that this honour should go to Mike Passingham for his sterling work mowing the lanes and keeping the grass down at the entrances to the field all this year. We hope this is duly agreed by everyone!