

Good Evening

I'd like to start by thanking the committee, particularly Carole, Iain and especially Stephen for their support, knowledge, and advice this past year, it has been invaluable.

When I took over the role at the end of last year I was given 3 waiting lists, which were amalgamated into one, this gave us 55 applicants. Everyone on the list was contacted to see if they still wanted a plot and by January we had reduced the list to 10.

The Association currently has 213 plots and 186 members. In the last year we have let 20 plots. The waiting list stands at 29 and we have at present 3 vacant plots. A total of 14 28 day letters have been sent out and 3 termination of plot and membership notices have been issued.

When Craig left the Committee, early this year he kindly wrote a new welcome letter for us, this was reworked with the old welcome letter by Gemma, and we now have a more up to date welcome letter and a fact sheet for new allotment holders.

There was some concern over new applicants taking a plot and not fully appreciating the amount of time and effort involved in having an allotment plot. It was decided to bring in a 12-week probationary period, at the end of which either the plot holder could give back the plot or the association could take back the plot to relet. We have used this once since it was voted in.

In August of this year Carole, Stephen and I undertook a plot audit, which showed that 20% of all plots did not comply with the association's rules, all plot holders were contacted and asked to rectify the situation. There are still some plots that will need to go back to the committee to be voted on.

In closing I would like to say a huge thank you and it's been a pleasure meeting so many plotters this year.

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