

Western Wards Allotment Association

Salisbury Green Site Managers

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Salisbury Green Allotment Site – a winter season update

Dear Member,

Seasonal greetings to all Salisbury Green allotment site members and your families. We wish you all a happier and 'COVID free' New Year in 2022.



Thank you to Hazel Oliphant (Plot 36a(2)) for hosting a plot holders 'gathering' on Saturday 4th December afternoon at the Salisbury Cricket Club. Hazel writes on our Facebook social media –

"We had a great time and plan on doing it again in March date tbc. Few ideas taking forward and I promise to re-post some of my courgette recipes. Thanks for sharing bags of lime Penny Daish (our unofficial Santa). JUST

remembered....to go with our veg at Xmas the clubs got a meat draw on the 18th - if you are around next Saturday please get yourself some tickets".

1. WWAA Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2021

You will have all received our email and attachment concerning the WWAA 2021 Annual General Meeting. It will be held in person (with appropriate COVID safety arrangements in place) at St. Mary's Church Rooms, Warsash on **Thursday 27th January 2022 starting at 7pm**. If you are able to do so, we would encourage you to attend. An agenda for the meeting and the financial accounts for 2021 will be circulated on the night. The minutes of the 2020 meeting have been published on the WWAA website.

It is anticipated that the current Chairman and Hon Treasurer will not put themselves forward for re-election. If you would like to apply for one of these posts, the nomination paper and role descriptions are set out on the website.

Our posts as Site Managers will also be subject to re-election.

2. Plot Vacancies

There will be one **vacant 5 rod plot** available on the Salisbury Green site in due course. Otherwise, we have 100% occupation of available plots. As I write, there are **20 persons** on the 'Salisbury Allotment Site waiting list' which has been closed until there are further vacancies occurring.

3. New Plot Holders

We welcome to the Sarisbury Allotment Site **5 new plot holders** who have joined us during the autumn months:

Elizabeth Galloway - Plot 2a (2)

David Rodgers – Plot 10a (2)

Jack Burden – Plot 14b (2)

Jessica Fewell and Claire Light (Joint tenancy) – Plot 16b (1)

New members and your families are very welcome to Sarisbury Green allotment site, and I am sure your allotment neighbours will provide any advice or support you may need.

4. Site Projects

Corner Area, Barnes Lane

Project work continues on the corner area adjacent to Barnes Lane, which is not fit for allotment space. The project work has been led by plot holder Liz Wood. The objective has been to clear the site of rubbish and weeds, level out the ground surface and plant shrubs, flowering plants, hedging and trees to create an attractive area which will encourage wild life. In this period, a wildlife pond has been dug out using the services of Ben Spraggon and his mini digger. The pond has been lined and filled.

We thank Liz for all her hard work on the project and others who have supported her.

St Pauls Road Perimeter Area

Martin Wheeler has been leading on a project to tidy up an overgrown perimeter area adjacent to St Pauls Road properties. This has involved clearing the area, burning large amounts of wood and overgrowth and the disposal of plastics and scrap metal. The work will tidy up the area and enable more space for sheds and another 5 rod plot.

General Site Rubbish

Martin and I continue to improve the appearance of the site by removing rubbish and plastics in 'ton bags'. These have been disposed of using Hampshire Waste Disposal Co. This is a more cost effective and efficient means of disposal rather the use and expense of skips.

5. The WWAA Jim Lett 'Trading Hut' at Hunts Pond Road

John Parsons, the WWAA Trading Hut manager has given notice at a WWAA management committee meeting that the Trading Hut which is open on Sundays from 10.00am until 12.00 noon will be closed from 19th December 2021 reopening on 23rd January 2022.

Keep in touch with the shop opening and the range of products available at <https://www.wwaa.org.uk/new/>.

6. Our Facebook social media site 'Allotment Road'

I am always pleased to note the increased use of our social media account 'Allotment Road'. The moderator, Abigail Harrison, Plot 31B, is always available to advise new plot holders who would like to take part. Abigail's email address is abigail.attic@gmail.com.

7. WWA website <https://www.waa.org.uk/new/>.

Rona Neilson is the WWA website administrator and publishes allotment and related news items of interest. If any member has a news item they would like to publish more widely than our social media account, contact Rona using the website 'Email Us' facility.

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