

Midsomer Norton Allotment Newsletter. June 2023.

Hello!

Since the AGM in February, your newly elected team (below) have been very busy behind the scenes.

Simon is the Treasurer - treasurer.msnallotments@gmail.com

Emma is the Site Officer - siteofficer.msnallotments@gmail.com

Some of the things we have proudly achieved so far include;

The main one being orchestrating the handover from our previous secretary Brian, including site information, insurance, bank account, Facebook and website (which we are still in the process of updating). We would like to thank Brian for his continued support during the handover and for his time and energy during his time on the committee, often running the allotments single handedly.

Other progress for the site -

Creating a divide for overflowing woodchip.

Letting our first plot!

Updating spreadsheets and contact details.

Carrying out 2 routine plot inspections and offering support where necessary.

A tidy up of the communal shed, as well as a safety check.

Setting up an official allotment page for plot holders, run by the team.

Social scene.

With an emphasis on creating a community feel, the team decided to provide a dedicated space for plot holders using Facebook. The Facebook page also links to a public space, allowing us to connect with the wider community, whilst still allowing us privacy. If you haven't already, our Facebook page can be joined using this link;

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/msnallotmentholders/>

Reaching out.

One of our main goals as a committee is to try and connect us to the wider Midsomer Norton community. Our allotments sit at the heart of the town's heritage and pride and we believe we have a lot to be proud of!

Last month, we had a very special visit from some pupils from Welton Primary School. The children were accompanied by the school's staff as well as Simon Green (our Treasurer) to plant some runner beans on his plot! We love that we were able to inspire and nurture caring for the environment with children within our community, in a practical way. If you have any ideas on how we can connect to the wider community, just drop us an email.

Vacancies.

It is with regret that after helping to achieve the handover and set up the new committee, Nish is now resigning from her role as chair and her plot 26 due to personal commitments

and time constraints. We will be very sad to see her leave the site after all the wonderful work she's put in. Plot 26 will now be offered to the next in line on the waiting list which stands at 5 currently.

Consequently, we now have 2 vacancies on the committee and we are keen to fill these as soon as possible. Our current structure is

- Chairperson
- Secretary
- Site Officer
- Treasurer.

If you would like to join us in managing the MSN Allotment Association then please drop us an e-mail and we can discuss. Emma is the elected Site Officer & Simon is the Treasurer, however we are prepared to shuffle roles depending on who we can attract on to the committee. So, if we have a "numbers" person who could spare some time to look after our accounts then we can consider a change of roles, equally if we have a practical person who can look after the site then again we can look to change roles. Clearly any appointment is subject to approval at the Annual General Meeting or potentially at an Extraordinary General Meeting if required.

Please e-mail info@msnallotments.net or reply to this e-mail and we'll be in touch.

Social Committee

We are looking to form a dedicated Social Committee separate from the Management Committee, again willing volunteers are encouraged and very welcome.

Social events

We are looking at booking a social event at the site soon. We will update on this asap. If there are any other ideas you would like us to consider then please feel free to reach out!

May we extend a warm welcome to Jamie Bennett who has taken on plot 6. He is already making noticeable progress and we're sure he'll do brilliantly.

Finally, we would like to thank all our plot holders for their support and encouragement during this busy time. We appreciate that we have been quiet however if anyone needs us we are here to help with any questions or queries.

With warmest regards,

Your Allotment Committee.

Simon and Emma