

# Eynsham Annual Parish Meeting 26 April 2016

## EYNSHAM ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION REPORT – 2015

**Plot holder Guidance Notes:** Following concerns expressed at last year's AGM about what was considered an acceptable standard of plot maintenance, we spent some time working on clearer guidance particularly for new plot holders. This took several drafts to set the right tone. Generally our efforts seem to have been received well.

**Best Kept Plot Competition:** This year the committee implemented and published a scoring system. Although there have been some numeric hiccups, we have had a lot of positive comments from plot holders: both the scoring system and the judge's detailed feedback appear to be well appreciated.

**Working Parties:** We have discussed annual challenge of our effort to assemble effective working parties. Sadly, we continually find that it is the same people who help and the same people who don't. We have now taken the decision to contract out some of the more labour-intensive tasks. We will try to keep these costs under control, but in future years our accounts will reflect such expenditure and may well, inevitably, have an impact on future plot rent charges.

**Rent Review:** This year all plots have been measured. This was particularly important on Field 1 which not only has quite a complex layout but has also had many plots divided and rejoined over the years. The result was a 'mish mash' of charges which has become increasingly difficult for the Treasurer to manage. We decided to continue the policy of charging against full or half plots as far as possible. However in the review we have found some plots with incorrect charges.

While on the subject of rent, this past year we had a nightmare collecting rents which saw the final rent being paid in March! So now we have done a lot more towards ensuring rents are paid promptly. All plot holders have been notified as to the rent due for 2015/16 and how to pay it.

New this year we are holding a coffee morning opportunity for anyone to pay their rent at the Eynsham Emporium on 12 November between 9 and 11am. This is in response to requests from plot holders who cannot get to the White Hart on AGM night.

**Membership / Discount Cards:** A year ago we issued our first membership card which also acts as a discount card. This has been well received and we are providing a new card this year.

Currently it provides a 10% discount at Yarnton Nurseries. We are trying to extend the outlets that will accept the card, but some garden centres work on very tight margins. If ploholders shop at a place where the the card might be useful please supply contact details of a manager and we will follow it up.

**ANDY SWARBRICK**

Chair Eynsham Allotment Association

## EYNESHAM ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1 October 2014 to 30 September 2015

Balances at 1 October 2014

Nationwide	£2,149.81
Cash in Hand	£56.05
	<b>£2,205.86</b>

<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>
Rent for plots	£1,924.50	£2,028.25
Nationwide interest	£9.99	£0.09
Plants Income		£207.52
Credit note Water E.P.C		£210.65
Brush Cutter	<u>£40.00</u>	
	<b>£1,974.49</b>	<b>£2,446.51</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>
Ground rents	£850.00	£850.00
Hedge/Field Maintenance		£35.70
Stationery/Printing	£52.20	£5.90
Membership NSALG/Insurance	£68.90	£68.90
Fixings/Maintenance	£132.24	
Gifts/Prizes	£76.14	£62.41
Engraving		£72.76
Plants		£207.52
Water Rates E.P.C	<u>£574.86</u>	<u>£699.25</u>
	<b>£1,754.34</b>	<b>£2,002.44</b>
Income less Expenditure	£220.15	£444.07
Balance forward at 30 September 2015		
Nationwide	£2,383.76	£2,149.81
Cash in Hand	<u>£42.25</u>	<u>£56.05</u>
	<b>£2,426.01</b>	<b>£2,205.86</b>

Honorary Treasurer Christine Jackson

Independent Examiner Jenny Pratley