

# Eynsham Allotment Association

## Annual Report - October 2019

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**Welcome to the annual report for Eynsham Allotments for the year 2019/20**

**Plot letting:** We continue to get one or two requests each month and these are typically satisfied within three months. Rarely does the waiting list exceed 10. Field 1 is more complex than field 2 to manage and we now have an excellent team of three people working on it.

**Rent:** The committee have agreed to increase the rent this year by £1 for a half plot and £2 for a full plot. Last year we introduced bank transfer as a method of payment. This has proved helpful for both plotheholders and the committee with, so far, about a third of plotheholders paying this way.

**Best Kept Plot Competition:** The winners this year are:

- **First place:** Heather Horner, field 2 plot 14
- **Second Place:** Frank & Jackie Skipwith , field 2 plot 21 & 21b
- **Third Place:** Bridget Pitcher, field 2 plot 23a
- **Highly Commended:** Christine Cox, Helen & Tim Jordan, Julia Hyde, Janet Kidd & Daz Bibby, Marilyn & Neil Panting & Neil Warren, Sue Davison & Clive Richardson, Isabel Jacobs & Carl Reynolds.
- **Commended:** Wendy Williams, Tony Pendry, C & E Ball, Peter Ackling, Brian Smith.

Our fabulous judges this year were Jon & Lucy from the Market Garden who spent more than a full day going over every plot and then the winning plots again but in detail.

It is also worth mentioning our cups for first and second place. These both date from around the 1930s and so anyone who holds one of these for a year is adding to a very long tradition when their names are engraved.

**Data Privacy:** Whereas we normally keep plotheholders personal details private, we have asked plotheholders to accept a relaxation so that we can quickly but adjacent plotheholders in contact with each other. This helps solve problems in a timely manner. Any plotheholder can opt out of this rule at any time.

**Your Committee:** We have expanded our committee over the last year and since most of the new members come from field 1 that is particularly gratifying and bodes well for the site as a whole in future years.

**Trees:** This seems to be an increasingly important subject at the moment. The small wood dating back to the Eynsham bypass in the early 80s at the top of the allotments needs tidying up. Also we have a number of trees that are causing shade over plots. If any plotheholders wish to get involved in tree maintenance please contact a member of the committee.

**Membership Card:** The text design has been cleaned up this year, hopefully to be more readable and helpful. Also the photo side is a picture of a plot taken on judging day. As next year progresses if you have a good picture let us know and we will try to use it. We will try to remind you of this at around July.

Andy Swarbrick, Chair