



Gresty Street Community Allotment Association

AGM Pack:

Please find enclosed the following documents:

1. Notice of Annual General Meeting
2. AGM Agenda
3. Chair reports
4. Treasurers Report
5. Nomination form for election of officers
6. Registration form

PLEASE NOTE THAT RENT PAYMENT FOR 2023 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT A COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM. FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE AGM AND RENT WILL BE TAKEN AT THE SAME TIME WITH A RECEIPT PRODUCED



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Notice of Annual General Meeting

AGM will take place on:

Sunday 22nd of January 2023

At 10:30 am

Location: Penkhull Village Hall



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Annual General Meeting

22/01/2023

Agenda

Minutes of the 2022 General Meeting

Matters Arising

Agenda Items:

1. Chairs Report
2. Treasurers Report
 - i) Acceptance of Accounts
3. Rents 2023
4. Election of Committee/Officers for 2023
5. Any other business



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Chairman's Report Annual General Meeting

This report is the final report from mw as chair and covers the period to August 2022.

I would like to open by thanking all the gardeners and committee members who supported me, advised me and told me when I was wrong during my time as your chair.

I would also like to recognise the contribution made by all of us to continuing the progress on site and the wellbeing of our community.

I would also like to take time thank all who have been on the committee, have supported the committee and who have made sure we are about to go forward in a very challenging time.

Issues addressed in 2022-

- a) Commitment made to progress self-managed status including rewriting site documents and policies to meet common standards in line with SOTCC.
- b) Elect a viable committee with new members as required.
- c) Applications for grants and additional funding submitted when these fit with our ambitions and priorities.
- d) On site disputes and related issues to be resolved.
- e) Maintain a positive bank balance and consolidate accounts.
- f) The green waste area to be controlled and strict adherence to site policies enforced.
- g) Members to be encouraged to be more involved in the committee process and decision making.
- h) Empty plots to be cleared and new gardeners encouraged to take up suitable areas.
- i) We started regular inspections and encourage all site users to ensure they are aware of their responsibilities particularly with the gates, and site security.
- j) Increase the focus on sustainability.

I wish the officers and committee members every success and all of us gardeners a successful gardening experience in 2023.

Nigel Barrett

4/12/2022



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Chairpersons report

From the 16th of October 2022 to present

Projects in progress

- Community area
- Wellbeing shed
- Fencing
- Online and site shop
- Miniature plot creation

The Association committee

The Association Committee has seen a number of changes in 2022

With the resignation of NB in August 2022 we would like to thank him for his fantastic work and achievements over the years at GSCAA, he has been a key member and we hope we can rely on his support in the future. We also welcomed DD to the committee as the secretary who has already settled into the role and has been a tremendous support.

We hope to extend the committee this year and for members to come and take part as observers in future committee meetings, please consider your skills and abilities and seek to enhance the committee by becoming involved in future projects for the allotment site.

Waiting List

The committee has worked hard in filling the vacant plots.

It was noted that a number of plots were not being cultivated and had become neglected. Letters have been sent to the allotment holders and action to terminate has been issued for the plots that failed to make improvements in the 6 weeks' notice. We have had a number of plots become available due to this action and alongside the plans for the miniature plots. We have actioned advertisements and contacted the council to ask for the list of people waiting for plots. If you know of anyone who is looking for an allotment, please put their names forward.

NSALG

We continue to be members of the NSALG which helps us to obtain competitive insurance cover for third-party injury and public liability. We are not covered for personal injury and theft.



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Seed, potatoes, onions and compost order

We are currently working fast to allow all members the opportunity to be able to order seeds, potatoes, onions and compost at low prices, we hope to complete this at the end of January.

Allotment shop

The shop and online shop are currently underway and are set to start offering a small number of items by February and will grow its variety of stock.

Site security

The completion of the fencing is still a project we are looking to complete, but we are looking for quotes and funding, as well as advice from council departments as to best continue with the work.

We have also linked in with the local PCSOs and are looking into ways in which we can work with are bordering Neyboughs to minimise theft. As well as additional crime reduction methods we can implement on-site.

We do however have a strict policy on all entry gates to the allotment being shut and locked by all members.

Bids and fundraising

We have not received or put in any bids for funding during this period but have a number of options we are looking into for 2023

Work parties

We have held 3 successful work parties and seen a vast improvement to the maintenance of the site, a big thank you to all the members who have been involved.

We hope to have more success in the future and encourage all members to get involved and help us to keep the cost of the maintenance down. Which in turn helps the committee to keep the rent from being increased.

Toilets

The toilets are now being regularly cleaned and will be maintained until we can find an alternative option for the future.



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Badger

Recently we have had a badger registered on-site and will ensure the badger is protected at all times. As per The Protection of Badgers Act (1992,)

Complaints

We have not dealt with any complaints during this period

We have produced a complaints procedure policy which is now in effect.

Summary

We have managed to achieve some great progress after the devastation that covid-19 has caused. We still have a long way to go to get the site cleared and all plots working, as well as provide a safe and enjoyable community area on the site.

We will be inspecting gardens quarterly to ensure all plots are being cultivated and will send improvement notices if necessary.

We hope with the help of the work parties we will be able to hold an open day in 2023 and invite the local community onto the site. As well as getting the site to a well-managed state.

We aim to continue the welcoming, exceptional and positive culture on the allotment site so all plot holders feel safe and happy and so any community visitors will also feel the same.

We will drive the site to become a key place for the local community to come and relax and also be able to get involved in creating a more sustainable and biodiverse area on the allotments.

Main Focus for 2023

1. Continue to improve the website and digital technology for the GSCAA
2. Create a more practical community area to support our local community
3. Work to ensure a good maintenance plan and site security for the whole site
4. Have strong diversity, biodiversity and sustainability policies to ensure a happy and safe environment for all members, the public and animals on site

Nathan Cotton (chairperson)



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Please see below the Elections of officers and committee Form to be completed by the current secretary during the AGM. Please note nominated members must have a majority vote to be placed into position. For the positions of Chairperson and secretary they have been held until 2024 as per the communication during 2022 with no objections raised to the president.

Election of officers and committee members			
Role	Nomination (Name of Nominee)	Date	Majority vote established
President			
Officers			
Chairperson	Position not for election until 2024		
Vice Chairperson			
Secretary	Position not for election until 2024		
Treasurer			
Committee members (CM)			
CM1			
CM2			
CM3			
CM4			
CM5			
CM6			
CM7			
Proposer:	Print:	Sign:	
Secunder:	Print:	Sign:	