

Allotments Stockport

over 1,400 ploholders with a passion for Grow-Your-Own

25 out of 28 sites return Checklists

Most sites are well managed, thanks to their committees.

- If your trustees change, the Council needs to know. Contact Ian Walmsley at ian.walmsley@stockport.gov.uk Keep a copy of your email/letter.
- 5 sites don't have a constitution. Advisers are available to help with this, ask if you need help.
- 5 sites don't having audited accounts agreed at their AGM. Accounts need to be independently audited so the Treasurer is seen as trustworthy - ask a ploholder to audit.
- Most sites collect rents in January, although one site does it in October! One site offers a discount for prompt payment - add £5 to the rent, and all who pay before a set date get £5 reduction. Everyone pays on time!
- 3 sites don't have public liability insurance - essential to prevent personal injury claims being made against trustees!
- Most sites keep written records of plot inspections and risk assessments. Without them, legal action can be difficult to defend.

July meeting - 27 people were shown how to make beer, wine and rose hip syrup tailored to their own taste. Beer dates back to at least 2000BC, and the Babylonians had 20 different beers. Beer was a barbarian drink while wine was for the elite! Redcurrant & blackberry wine, wheat beer and Old Hooky was on offer to sample!

Allotment closures - The National Allotment Society (NAS) is getting nearly one call a day about potential site closures for development. Between 2007 and 2013 the government only turned down 4 applications out of 199. Allotments are usually sold for housing or supermarkets, which given the current economic climate, is hardly surprising.



Billy's Lane Allotment display at Tatton
Carol Klein paid them a visit. And Jean from Billy's Lane was interviewed by her on Gardener's World!
Hazel Grove Allotments Open Day Sunday 6th September 1-4pm. Tallest sunflower competition.



Allotment Advisers

We need more Advisers to visit ploholders on sites in their area as often as possible; find out site news, problems, advice/information needed; and to ensure that sites know about AS news and meetings. Advisers find out who their local Councillors are and keep an eye out for planning applications or petitions that might affect allotments. Advisers bring their findings to AS committee meetings and help AS to prepare for changes to come. Poster available.

For more details, contact Patricia 0161 477-6102
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Next Meeting 7pm Tuesday 8th September
Keeping bees on allotments - Graham Royle from Cheshire Beekeepers will tell us how! Honey and beeswax candles on sale.

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All Ploholders welcome

