

July meeting was buzzing, with 32 people spellbound as Graham Royle talked about keeping bees on allotments. Did you know that bees originate from tropical climates; the evolution of bees developed alongside the evolution of plants; honeybees only sting if really threatened as they die when they sting; apple & plum blossom, crocus and dandelions are crucial to bees early in the year when they are desperate for pollen. There is likely to be a beekeeper keen to put a hive on your allotment. For more info, contact Stockport Beekeepers at secretary@stockportbeekeepers.co.uk



Around the sites - Marple Allotments are building raised beds for people with disabilities; Steve Evans offered to give advice on making your site more accessible for people with disabilities; Woodley Allotments has raised beds for members' children and grandchildren - they give an annual prize for the best kept bed; Norbury Church Allotments got lottery funding for raised beds/accessible toilet; a beech tree fell down at Torkington Allotments, even though the Council had reassured them that it was safe! Maggie McKay from Manchester Allotments Society was our guest.



Your Allotment Advisers

- * Mark Shaw covers **Marple, Bredbury, Romiley & Woodley**
sites: Dooley Lane, High Lane, Rose Hill, Seven Stiles, Romiley, Welkin Road, Woodley
- * Patricia Scott covers **Bramhall, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle, Gatley & Heald Green**
sites: Billy's Lane, Gatley Hill, Milton Crescent, Newbould Rd, St Ann's Road North
- * Ian Gardiner covers **Edgeley, Cheadle Heath, Brinnington, Manor, Davenport & Cale Green**
sites: Barnfield Road East, Brinnington, Cheadle Old Rd, Heathside Park Road, St Lesmo Rd, Webb Lane
- * Roy Preston covers **The Four Heaton & Reddish**
sites: Craig Rd, Green Lane, Harrogate Rd, Nelstrop Rd, Priestnall, Reddish Vale, Whitehill, Woodhall
- * Amanda & Steve Evans cover **Hazel Grove, Stepping Hill & Offerton**
sites: Dial Park, Flowery Field, Hazel Grove, Norbury Church, Torkington

In the first instance, email your adviser at webmasterallotmentsstockport@gmail.com

--- More advisers always needed ---

Next meeting Tuesday 10th November at 7pm
Long Live Allotments & people who work them!

The Value of Urban Allotments

Dr Michael Hardman, Lecturer in Environment & Life Sciences at Salford University will tell us how British allotments compare with other countries

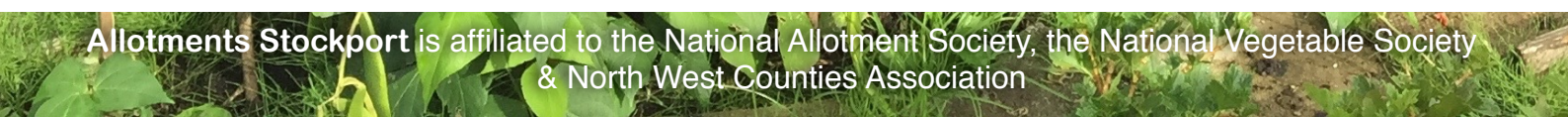


Allotments contact at SMBC - Jonathan Long has left the Council, and his replacement is Jane Bardsley who took up the position on 7th September. The Council requested that correspondence should be via stockportdirect@stockport.gov.uk

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