

## Barnfield Rd Allotments good news!

We have been informed by Debbie Beckett, Chair of Barnfield Rd Allotment Society, that they met with local councillors, Stockport Chief Planning Officer and a Greater Manchester Spacial Framework member. They were told their site will not go forward for development and shouldn't have been included in the first place - they even talked about more allotments in Stockport! Development will not take place at the Community Orchard either. Debbie wrote to AS "I wanted to thank you, if you hadn't brought this to our attention then we may have slipped under the radar!"

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# Allotments Stockport

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*Working to keep allotments safe in ploholders' hands*

## How can your site become an Asset of Community Value?

An asset of community value (ACV) is land or property of importance to a local community which is subject to additional protection from development under the Localism Act 2011. Robin West from Marple & District Allotment Association will tell us all about it at the Allotments Stockport meeting on Tuesday 12th July.

## How do I get into the National Allotment Society (NAS) website members area?

Contact your Committee Secretary for your site login details.

## Allotments Stockport helps SMBC collect

**2016 rents** - In December last year, SMBC informed AS that they were short staffed and therefore could not be certain about carrying out the administrative tasks involved in time to issue the rent demands for 2016. So, to protect the interests of our members and to secure allotment sites, AS is helping with the administration of the rent collection.

At the January AS General Meeting, treasurer Bill Curtis explained the situation and distributed SMBC letters to sites present, and delivered the remainder by hand or by post.

AS is helping solely with the administration, issuing invoices and your rent payment will still be carried out directly with the Council.

Council mailing lists were not up to date, so we have assisted where possible to get their letters to the correct people.

When we have completed the admin, the Council database calculates the total rent due for each association, and the Council will send you your invoice.

## Greater Manchester Police and Crime Commissioner Funding available

Communities across Greater Manchester are invited to bid for a slice of £900,000 to build strong neighbourhoods, boost volunteering and empower the region's young people. For more information or to apply for a grant, visit [www.gmpcc.org.uk/funding](http://www.gmpcc.org.uk/funding)

website: [allotmentsstockport.org](http://allotmentsstockport.org)

Send your news, comments & events to [webmasterallotmentsstockport@gmail.com](mailto:webmasterallotmentsstockport@gmail.com)

Facebook group: Allotments Stockport & friends

Allotments Stockport is affiliated to the *National Allotment Society, the National Vegetable Society & North West Counties Association*

## Notice of **AGM 2016** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 7pm

at Walthew House  
112 Shaw Heath, Stockport SK2 6QS  
**ALL PLOTHOLDERS WELCOME**  
Meet people from other sites

\* **Nominate members for the AS Committee**  
BE BOLD ENOUGH TO NOMINATE YOURSELF  
Nomination Forms must be received by 23rd Feb  
email [webmasterallotmentsstockport@gmail.com](mailto:webmasterallotmentsstockport@gmail.com) for forms

\* **Send proposals for the agenda**  
to be received by 23rd Feb

PLUS



Free seeds

thanks to E. Michael Brandt for the image

*Bring your leftover seed packets or seeds collected from your own produce. Browse & take away something you fancy growing - Envelopes provided*