

LCAA Newsletter December 2025



AGM 2025 – This was attended by 33 people in total. The only Resolution this year was that the rents may have to be increased in 2026. We have been able to keep rents stable for the last couple of years, but with increasing utility costs (particularly water), and our rent to Derby City Council increasing next year, it is likely that there will be an increase in rental charges in 2026.

COMMUNICATION - Please make sure that you read the correspondence sent out and that you check on the website and/or Facebook. There is a calendar page on the website, which is regularly updated to be current, making the website your most reliable source of information at all times.

www.littlechesterallotments.org.uk – the website is also configured to work well on mobile phones and tablets.

WATER USAGE – the water bill for the site was above £3,000.00 over the last twelve months, representing about 1/3 of income received in rents. This high amount is related *in part* to the dry weather we experienced this year. Some tenants are already harvesting rainwater on their plots, thus reducing the need to use water from the troughs (*which we pay for*). If more tenants started to harvest rainwater our water bill would not be as high as this year. If you would like help/advice on how to go about this on your plot please ask the committee.

Please see the following NAS article for more information:

<https://thenas.org.uk%2FRainwater-Harvesting>

We are very pleased to welcome Thrivemind Village community hub onto our site as new tenants on plots 1 and 2a. Little Chester tenants have been supporting Thrivemind for the past couple of years by leaving excess produce in the Veg Box run by Plot to Plate. Now Thrivemind Village will be growing and harvesting food for their community fridge and participating in our social events. For more information about Thrivemind Village please look at their website: www.thrivemind.eco – there is a lot going on! They have some lovely items for sale

in their shop – Christmas gifts, perhaps.

The Committee would like to wish you all a very happy festive season!

