



Little Chester Allotment Association

LCAA NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2026

Upcoming events –

- Sunday 5th April - Easter Sunday - **Charity Easter Event** in aid of **Motor Neurone Disease (MND)**
- Sunday 10th May - **Open Day and Plant Sale**
- **'Best Scarecrow on the Plots'** competition: to be judged Sunday **3rd May** – winner announced during **Open Day (10th May)**
- August 10th – 16th is **National Allotment Week 2026**. The theme this year is *'Growing and Learning'*. Please share any ideas for activities during the week.
- **AGM** – Sunday 11th October
- **Annual Rent Weekend** – Saturday 31st October and Sunday 1st November
- **5th December** - Christmas wreath-making event

Other calendar events can be found on our website - www.littlechesterallotments.org.uk

Spring Plot Inspection –

Due to the extended wet weather we have had, the Spring plot inspections will take place in late April.

Site security update –

A series of recent break-ins (seven incidents in eleven days) caused significant damage to the toilet block, community room, and several tenants' sheds. We appreciate the support of the police throughout this period.

Our thanks go to Teresa Thom and Lily-Rose for helping to clean the community room, and to Andy Downing for repairing the damaged electrics.

An alarm system has now been installed in the community room and toilet block, with additional sensors placed elsewhere on site.

Shop and Toilet rotas – Rotas for the shop and toilet cleaning are currently being organised. While cleaning duties are not glamorous, they are essential for maintaining hygiene in the toilet block. Several volunteers have responded via Facebook, and further support would be welcome. Increased volunteer participation will reduce the frequency with which everyone appears on the rota.

There are still some potato and onion orders to be picked up in the community room. We also have some potatoes and onions left for anyone who forgot to order earlier!

We have obtained a considerable number of small (30-40 cm) hedging plants (approximately 500) which we will add to those from the Woodland Trust and others we have on site. These will be planted around the site, many of them filling existing gaps in our hedges. They are prickly plants (hawthorn, blackthorn etc) and our hope is that they will help deter future break-ins on site.

Obviously, this is a big task, and we require additional help to get the job done. A task day will be advertised shortly, and we would be very grateful of help on that day.

We hope this year's weather is more favourable to gardeners, with a reasonable amount of rain to water crops. Harvesting rainwater on your plot is perfect for all plants – rainwater has more nutrients than piped water. If you are new to harvesting rainwater and would like some support, please ask a member of the team.



Best wishes and good gardening
– the LCAA team