

## LCAA Newsletter September 2025

**National Allotment Week 2025** – the theme was ‘Allotments and Wellbeing’.

The week's events were as follows:

- \* Tuesday 12 August – Relaxation & Meditation. This was a lovely event! Not widely supported but very interesting and relaxing and very much enjoyed by those attending. Many thanks to Gail Holdsworth who guided this event.
- \* Wednesday 13 August – Quiz Night. There were three teams answering the questions on General Knowledge, World History, World Food, Sports, and Gardening. We all had a lot of fun and everyone learned something! We hope to run other Quiz events in future.
- \* Saturday 16 August – Guided tours/walks of the allotment site. This event was open to the public though tenants were also welcome. The idea behind the walks was to simply show how different people garden – styles they use etc. All attendees were members of the public who thoroughly enjoyed their walk around the site, commenting that it was a ‘hidden oasis’.
- \* Sunday 17 August – BBQ and Family Fuddle. We're definitely getting better at Fuddling! This was very well attended and was enhanced by live music supplied by Angeline (vocals) and Denny (trumpet/cornet). We know the music could be heard all over the site so, even if you didn't come up to the event, we hope you enjoyed the music – and that it lifted your spirits a little. The whole event was free to attend. A range of food was provided from BBQ (including vegetarian/vegan), savoury tart, Greek salad, sausage & non-sausage rolls, to cakes, scones, biscuits. Free tea/coffee/cans too. Much of the food was made by committee members but some of our plotters also brought sharing dishes – thank you so much for taking part! Many thanks to Ange and Denny for providing the music – which was awesome! They also enjoyed the event and would love to come again!



*Some photos of the event – the weather was lovely!*

Revised dates for Rent Weekend:  
This will now be **Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th November 2025.**

- \* Derby Community Lottery Fund – this is promoted by Community Action, Derby and administered by Gatherwell, an External Lottery Manager licensed and regulated in Great Britain by [the Gambling Commission](https://www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk/) under Account No [36893](https://www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk/36893).

So far this year, the tickets bought by our supporters have raised £206.00 which is paid directly into the LCAA bank account. This money helps to pay for soap and toilet rolls in our toilet block; with more tickets bought we would receive more money to help keep rents low/help pay for the cost of skips. Every little amount adds up and is useful in *maintaining our allotment site to the standard to which we have become accustomed.*

- \* Please check the website [www.littlechesterallotments.org.uk](http://www.littlechesterallotments.org.uk) for all LCAA information, and our Facebook page LCA Plot Holders.
- \* There has been a recent spate of break-ins at other allotment sites, and an attempt on our own main gate padlock. Please be vigilant and report any unusual sightings.
- \* The NAS Facebook posts are very helpful in providing information about growing, harvesting and plot care through the year. Additionally, this website <https://www.allotment-garden.org> carries a lot of information. You can subscribe to this website for free and receive monthly emails on helpful topics. September's focus is on beneficial green manures over winter.

We have had a particularly hot and dry year. This has caused some crops to be ready earlier than usual, and some others have done less well due to the dry conditions. Fruit, in particular, seems to have been plentiful. We hope that you have been able to enjoy the success of your crops and that you have harvested and preserved to take you through the cooler months.

We look forward to seeing you at the **AGM on Saturday 4th October.**