



## LCAA Newsletter June 2025

Thank you for supporting the Open Day and Plant Sale held on Sunday May 11th. The weather was excellent, and we had a great turn-out, particularly from the local community. The final total raised is £1668.00.

It is always disappointing that few of our actual tenants attend this event which we hold to raise money in order to keep costs, and particularly rent prices, down. If we didn't raise money at such events your plot rental fee would have to be increased. It is in your interests to support these events. Simply buying Raffle tickets is a step towards supporting the event; some of our tenants help by raising extra plants for us to sell and others provide cake. Other tenants give some of their time in preparation for the event and/or on the day. We are very grateful for all the support we get, in whatever form.

\* **Early Notice: Open Day and Plant Sale 2026 will be held on Sunday 10th May.**

Our next events this year will take place during National Allotment Week (11th – 17th August 2025). We hope to see you there.

*Some photos from the Open Day.  
More available on the website.*



**The website:** We want our website to be the main hub of information for everything on Little Chester. Facebook will still be in use but not all tenants access Facebook so the bulk of information will be on the website. Peter Gill is our webmaster and is open to suggestions for the website content.

There is a simplified summary of the Rules of Tenancy on the website now which links to the actual Tenancy Agreement (that you sign each year). Also, if you haven't yet read our Policies, please do so. They are there for your protection.

- \* Please ensure that you ALWAYS take your rubbish home. Do NOT leave it on what appears to be an untended plot; do NOT put rubbish in the skip – it is for the use of the Maintenance team **ONLY**.
- \* Do not enter other tenants' plots – even if they appear empty/untended.

**The plot opposite the main gate** is being turned into a shrub border. If you are able to donate any shrubs/perennial plants/annual plants to help us fill it, we will be most grateful. Any plant donations can be left on plot 44. A feature of the new border is a 'dead hedge'. This consists of logs at the base and dead wood on top. In time this will rot down and is added to from above. Dead hedges are a haven for insects and small wildlife, benefiting us gardeners. Please **do not** move anything on this plot.

**New fencing** has been erected at the back of the site near the chipping area. This will also be planted with native hedging plants which we have received from The Woodland Trust. The native hedging plants will add to the biodiversity on site.

## PLOT INSPECTIONS

\* **Summer plot inspections will take place later this month.**

**In the middle of Summer, our expectations are that at least 75% of each plot is under cultivation. Evidence will be that plants are growing and thriving.**

- \* If you haven't yet bought a ticket from the **Derby Community Lottery** to support Little Chester Allotments, please consider it! There is a link on the Home page of our website which takes you to the Community Lottery page and there are some very clear instructions about how to obtain your ticket/s. The money raised this way isn't huge but it's regular and helps pay for toilet rolls, hand soaps etc.
- \* The wildlife area and pond are both out of bounds during re-design and construction.
- \* There is a **Calendar** feature on the website. It shows all the dates and events for this year and will soon show some for 2026. If you know of an event that is happening locally and might be of interest to LC tenants, please email me the information – [secretary@littlechesterallotments.org.uk](mailto:secretary@littlechesterallotments.org.uk)
- \* The Veg Box, run by Plot to Plate, is already operating and will continue to do so from now on. If you have surplus fruit or veg (and who doesn't get surplus courgettes!), please consider donating it to the Veg Box, in turn helping local charities to eat good food.

We hope you have a lovely summer with lots of delicious own-grown produce!

LCAA Committee