

CUTTESLOWE ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

BULLETIN DECEMBER 2024

Hello all Members, busy end to the year and now we prepare for 2025:

1. **Co-operative Society:** We have applied for the Cutteslowe Allotment Association Limited. FCA approval is expected in January.
2. **AGM:** This will be Sunday 12th Jan, 1400-1600 at the Cutteslowe Community Centre. Cttee and Fees will be discussed/agree at the AGM, other issues overleaf. Please come, there are some key issues which require **Your Vote**:
 - a. **2025 Fees:** Agree to **increase by 20%**. Fees have remained the same for many years, inflation is increasing our costs plus the grass cutting. We will add **£1** per member to the 2025 fees for your "Allotment Co-operative Society share certificate purchase".
 - i. **Note 1:** 2025 Fee demands will not be issued until post AGM, ie end Jan and backdated to 1st Jan.
 - ii. **Note 2:** If individual members cannot afford the increase, please tell me .. we will support.
 - b. **Your Chair and Committee:** You need to vote the Chair and Committee for 2025. The current team (see below) will be volunteering for 2025, but:
 - i. **Note 1:** Volunteers sought for **Site** and **Communications**,
 - ii. **Note 2:** If you wish to stand for Chair, or any other post, for 2025 please pass your nomination to me by 30th Dec.

3. Chair and Committee. The current organisation, proposal for 2025 is:

Role	Name	Volunteer for 2025	Comments
Chair	Rob Davies	Yes	
Secretary	Carrie Dodd	Yes	
Treasurer	Matt Todd	Yes	
Site Secretary	Rachel Croft	Standing down Q1	Volunteer sought
Plot Secretary	Deborah Mayweed	Yes	
Plot Secretary	Alison Miell	Yes	
Technical	Dave Chen	Yes	
Communications	We seek a volunteer please for website & some external comms		

4. Grants & Community.

- a. **Grants.** Our application for £2163 grant (CIL) has been approved, monies expected shortly. It will be used to erect a “Surplus Produce Store” at the entrance so that Members can please leave their surplus produce - I will arrange delivery of this produce to the Cutteslowe Larder every week.
 - b. **Community.** Plot 4 is managed by the Cutteslowe Greenhouse Project for the Community Larder - we are very keen to continue this such that, in parallel with the Surplus Produce Store, we are helping feed Cutteslowe.
 - c. **Note 1:** Next Grant application deadline is 17 March 2025, so I am keen to understand what future projects might help us support our local Cutteslowe Community. **Ideas please.**
5. **Trees.** We have hired a contractor (£500) to major prune / cut down 4 trees, action in late January. I may need some brawn to help please... this keeps the cost right down.
6. **Work Party Dates** 2025 (1300-1600): 22/3, 27/4, 13/9, 19/10
7. **Other issues to be discussed at the AGM:**
- a. Compost, Waste & Bonfires: We want to discuss with you and agree how individual plot holders manage their Waste, their compost and bonfires, we need an agreed process and discipline. Today it's a bit of a mess with some folk just dumping their waste at the front or hoping somebody will burn their weeds.
 - b. Any other issues you wish to raise?

So I wish you all a very Happy Christmas, a slug free 2025 and I really hope to see many of you on Sunday 12th at the AGM. Thank you..

Rob..