



Allerton Allotments Society (AAS)

Newsletter (21) August 2026

Association of Liverpool Allotments Best Plots and Best Site Competition 2026

First a big THANK YOU to all those who made such a big effort to tidy their plot and the site in general before the ALA judges visited on 7th July. The committee initially made a shortlist of potential plots to put forward to the judges as contenders for our "5 Best Plots". We had 22 plots on our first list and it was really lovely to see so many productive plots and engaged plot holders. This was narrowed down to 12 plots using both the criteria of consistent productivity through the year and also the 5 specific criteria laid down by ALA. Then came the task of reducing this from 12 to just 5 plots. (As 2 of the Committee were on this list they were omitted from this stage.) So, the 5 finally selected were –

- Plot 39 Kevin Parr
- Plot 40 Kevin Envis
- Plot 61 Stephen Bellis
- Plot 62 Jan Brett
- Plot 65 Kevin McCarten

All of them have said they are happy to show you their plot if you would like to see them.

In addition, this year Paul and Fiona were ALA Judges on other allotment sites around the city which gave them a great insight into all kind of plot styles and site variations.

We will not know officially whether we have won Best Site in the City or which are the 5 Best Plots until September so we will keep you posted.

Social Events

We are holding our **Site Show** on **Sunday 16th August** from 12pm – 3pm as part of National Allotment Week. It was a fun, relaxed affair last year so we are going for the same kind of feel this year. Competition cakes will be shared after judging but please feel free to bring cakes or sweet treats to share.

Entries to the Show will be divided into various categories –

1. Wonky Fruit or Vegetable
2. Longest / Heaviest item of Produce
3. Basket of Produce
4. Best Cake using Allotment Produce
5. Best Sweet Jam/ Preserve
6. Best Savoury Pickle / Chutney
7. Best Single Bloom
8. Best Vase of Mixed Allotment Flowers

All entries in these categories will need to be delivered to the Big Shed on the morning of the 16th between 10 and 11am. If you are entering category 7 or 8 you will also need to provide a container to put it in.

We will be holding a **Raffle** on the day so donations would be very much appreciated.

In addition, we would like to have a **Sharing Table**, not just for tomatoes but to celebrate any produce you are proud of or anything you have a glut of!

The **Scarecrow Competition** will also be judged on the day.

Also, as part of National Allotment Week, we are going to be holding a variety of **Drop-in Workshops** on Wednesday 12th August from 10 – 12pm. These will include –

- Kevin's Compost Corner
- All things Calendula with Fiona
- Sue's Medicinal Herbs

Big Shed Opening Times

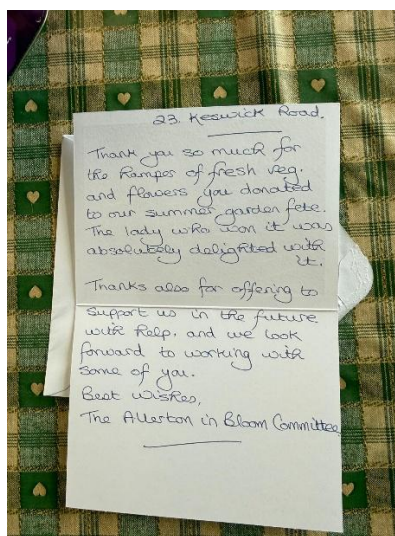
The Big shed will be open on Sundays and Wednesdays from 10am – 12pm.

Dates for your diary

Our AGM will take place on Sunday 11th October at the Ambergate Guide Hut. Time and further details to follow.

Updates

- The Big Shed has been painted, has a new noticeboard and a smart newly painted door. Now we would like to turn our attention to the large metal container. We were wondering if anyone has ideas about how it should be painted or for example a contact for a community artist who would like to be involved in a mural project?
- Thank you to Jane for updating the new Nature Board and a reminder that if you have any community notices please send them to Louise for our new Community Notice Board.
- We received a lovely thank you card from Allerton in Bloom. Thank you to Fiona for organising this and thank you to all those who contributed to the hamper AAS donated.



10 Late Summer Allotment Mistakes

This comes from the National Allotment Society website with lots more information about how to avoid making them! Find it here

[The 10 Biggest Late Summer Allotment Mistakes | National Allotment Society](#)

1. Letting Crops Bolt or Go Past Their Best
2. Forgetting to Sow for Autumn and Winter
3. Stopping Watering too soon

4. Ignoring your Soil
5. Leaving Empty Beds
6. Forgetting About Crop Rotation
7. Leaving Plants to Struggle On
8. Forgetting About Wildlife
9. Missing the Signs of Disease
10. Not planning for Next Year

More information can be found on the National Allotment Society website – thenas.org.uk/monthlyjobsaug

or at the RHS - [Grow Your Own - August advice and gardening tips / RHS](#)

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