



Allerton Allotments Society (AAS)

Newsletter (22) September 2026

Updates

ALA Allotments competition. We are delighted to tell you we have won the best site in Liverpool and the best 5 plots again! Particular thanks to Kevin McCarten (65) , Kevin Parr (39), Stephen Bellis (61), Jan Brett (62) and Kevin Envis (40) for their fabulous plots and everyone for keeping the site looking so lovely.

The AAS Show was a lovely event and a big thank you to all who took part. The full results can be found on our website. Here are some highlights of the day –



Oonagh's winning Scarecrow



Mal's winning Cake



Weighing Mick's giant cabbage!

Why Cover Soil in the Winter?

Bare soil can be damaged in winter by erosion from heavy rain, it can become compacted reducing air pockets and so restricting future root growth, nutrients can be leached from the soil, and beneficial soil microbes can be harmed. By applying compost or any organic matter on the surface:

- Soil organisms gradually incorporate organic matter
- Worm activity increases natural aeration channels
- Fungal networks remain intact
- Soil moisture retention improves
- Soil carbon is more effectively retained

Over time, this can lead to improved soil structure, better water infiltrations and reduced weed as surface seeds are not repeatedly disturbed. In addition, green manures are fast-growing plants which can be sown to cover bare soil. When used on the allotment, their foliage smothers weeds and their roots prevent soil erosion. When dug into the ground while still green, they return valuable nutrients to the soil and improve soil structure

Subsidised Compost Bins

The ALA (Association of Liverpool Allotments) have shared the following link where Merseyside Recycling & Waste Authority are offering subsidized compost bins.

[Merseyside Recycling & Waste Authority Offer - MRS – GetComposting](#)

AAS Annual General Meeting

Please do your best to come to this meeting – it's the best way you can support our allotment site, have your say, be part of the community and give the Committee a mandate to act on your behalf.

Date: 11.10.26 Starting at 11.00 prompt Venue: Ambergate Guide Hut L19 9AU

Draft agenda

1. Welcome from chairperson and apologies.
2. Approval of last year's minutes (displayed on main noticed board and attached to this email)
3. Matters arising
4. Field secretary report (Fiona Cowell)
5. Trading secretary report (Denis Hendrick)
6. Treasurers report and accounts (Paul Davitt)
7. Questions submitted in writing for discussion
8. Presentation of prizes
9. Election of new committee
10. Closure of meeting

We hope that all full members (the person who signed your agreement) will attend. If you are on a probation agreement you are welcome to attend but unfortunately you cannot have a vote. We now have 105 plot holders therefore only members can attend the AGM and must sign in on arrival.

Please submit any questions or suggestions in writing for the AGM including your name and plot number 10 days before the AGM i.e. by 1st October 2026. It is only these submitted questions or suggestions which will be discussed, and they along with the nominations for election to the committee and the accounts will be posted by email and displayed on the notice board with the final agenda 7 days in advance of the AGM. If you can't be there to ask your question on the day you must appoint someone else to do so (and inform the committee on submission) or it will not be discussed. In accordance with our constitution no proxy voting is allowed.

Nominations for AAS committee. We are a self-governing society and rely on volunteers to join the committee. Whilst we do have fun, it requires significant commitment. All committee members will be expected to take turns staffing the shop on relevant Wednesdays and Sundays and take an active role in monthly committee meetings, contribute to keeping the site in a good state, help organise site activities and work parties. If you volunteer, you will need to be nominated by a AAS member and seconded by another different member. You can volunteer as an officer or as a general committee member and /or shadow an officer role. This should help succession planning and provide resilience to the committee. (A form is included at the end of this newsletter and available in the big shed.) We can have up to nine committee members (currently we have 9 committee members) including 4 officers: their roles are outlined below:

Chairperson

- Chair the meetings of the Committee and Annual General Meeting, and any other meeting properly called.
- Represent the Society at functions and meetings they have been invited to.

Field Secretary.

- Day to Day running of the Society.
- Maintain the waiting list and invitations to interested future plot holders.
- Keep a members register in the format required by LCC
- Consult with LCC and other organisations.
- Manage breach of contract process.
- Liaise with the Treasurer to ensure the members register, rents, subscriptions, and insurance policies are recorded accurately

Treasurer.

- Day to Day running of the accounts and banking.
- Supervise the financial affairs of the Society.
- Keep proper records that show all monies received and paid by the Society.
- Liaise with any nominated accountants to produce year end accounts.
- Provide Committee Meetings with current financial position of the Society and present independently audited accounts to the AGM.

Trading Secretary.

- Day to day running of the trading in horticultural sundries for sale to members of the Society.
- Liaise with the Treasurer regarding payment for supplies and monies received from sales.
- Keep the tenants informed of products available.

In the event of 9 nominees or less they will be appointed as the committee in charge. In the event of more than 9 nominees individual anonymous votes will be taken.

**Allerton Allotments Society (AAS) committee 2026/7 nomination form****Member being nominated:****Plot number**

I _____ plot number _____

Signed _____ would like to nominate the member above as a committee member

I _____ plot number _____ second this nomination

Signed _____

I agree to be nominated as (please circle as relevant)

Committee member/ shadow an officer role	chairperson	Field secretary	Treasurer	Trading secretary
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Signature of member thereby agreeing to nomination for election at AGM:

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