

fairfield allotments

newsletter 21 AGM 2010

Rents 2010:

With this newsletter you will have received the rent letter for 2010.

We are proposing a small rent increase this year to cover anticipated maintenance and repair costs on the site, particularly the shared water butts which require replacement.

You will have read in previous newsletters that we are very hopeful that a new lease with the council will allow us to use collected rents for site improvement and management. This new lease is very unlikely to be in place for this season, so it is essential that we maintain funds for inevitable repairs and maintenance.

Over the last couple of years members have been very generous in rounding up their rents with donations, this has allowed us to both plan for improvements and only increase rents by a small amount. This helps enormously, please do it if you can!

Please also note the NB on the letter:

For reasons of insurance and NSALG membership we may only record one name as plot-holder. However where we have 2 names recorded the second person will be considered by Fairfield Allotment Holders' Association to be a full member of the association.

Hope to see you at the AGM and best wishes for the new season.

John

gift horse?

As you've passed, or been on to, the allotments you may have noticed an increasingly large pile of horse manure (sometimes in bags) by the Sunnyside Gates.

It's free, help yourself!

70th AGM - 2010

The Borough, Dalton Square
(upstairs private room)

Thursday Feb 04th
7.30 PM

All are welcome...

Leaks and Ice Damage?

Most of our mains connected water storage are showing serious signs of wear. The freezing weather won't have made this any better!

If you notice severe damage or leaks, please make sure all taps are turned off and let us know!



communication

We now have well over 100 plot holders and we want to keep people up to date with news of things like the seed scheme, potato day, fundraisers, news etc. To make this easier please let us have your email address (if you have one) on your rent return.

Important notices are also put on the website - www.fairfield-allotments.co.uk

There is also a forum on the website - please sign up!!

£ 32,000 ish

Over the last couple of years we've been awarded grants from the Lottery Awards for All programme, the Galbraith Trust, Lancaster City Council Allotment Reserve, the County Council through the Environmental Directorate and a Gateway Grant, the Lancashire Locals Climate Change Fund, the Cooperative Community Grants Scheme, Lancaster District Local Strategic Partnership (LDLSP) Community Grant scheme and (fingers crossed) the Green Partnership Awards.

We've also raised lots of money ourselves through the cook book, Fairfield Sunday, donations and our surplus produce stall.

All of this helped toward the extension and is allowing us to plan for improvements across the site.

...and finally!

We all know that not all plots are being fully used.

Have you got an allotment but really don't have the time or inclination to maintain it?

If so, please consider giving it up to the waiting list which has almost 100 people eagerly waiting their chance to grow.



committee

we need you!

Can you spare an hour or so every 2 months?

At the moment the allotment committee has 6 members, fairly evenly dotted around the site. However, there is no representation from the new part of the site which would be really beneficial.

The committee is there to make sure the site is safe, secure, managed and maintained. As the site has grown we could do with a couple of new members to make sure the views of the whole site are represented.

The committee meets every other month on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm in The Borough, Dalton Square.

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Gillian Allen, Jon Barry, John Weedy & Sid Duncan (retiring 2010).