

ICKLETON ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT – 28th January 2019

Welcome to the eleventh Annual General Meeting of the Ickleton Allotment Association.

2018 has been a hard year for allotment holders in general with extreme weather causing problems. However, although we are attracting new members we do still have vacancies, so if you know somebody who would like an allotment, please contact any of the committee members who will be happy to help with their requirements.

The majority of new plot holders are newcomers to the village who have contacted us via the village website. The Facebook page has been a modern addition to the society's ability to advertise our existence and hopefully attract more people to take up growing their own.

There has been a lot of work carried out around the site clearing undergrowth and repairing the border fence. These days are usually well attended but many hands make light work, so don't be shy in coming forward - come along and meet your fellow plot holders and have some fun.

It has been unfortunate that we have intruders coming onto the plots and breaking into sheds with the intention of stealing. We should all ensure nothing of great value is left in our sheds, that way these people may eventually give up.

We continue to use the strimmer to clear vacant plots and the lanes have been kept neat and tidy by members using their own lawnmowers. This has saved the society money and we continue to remain solvent.

The seed/plant swap introduced in 2017 was at first well supported but has taken a back seat for the time being. Perhaps it will come to the fore in the New year. It did raise a modest income for the society and was good for starting discussions about the various plants/seed brought along.

The Cecil Vincent Cup this year goes to newcomers, Fran and Alex of Plot 5 who have brought an overgrown plot back to life

I would like to thank fellow committee members for their hard work over the year and indeed over the years they have held their posts. To Chris, our treasurer for keeping us in the black. To Ros for taking the time to show prospective plot holders around the site and letting everyone know what was going on. To Kathleen, for liaising with the NSALG and Lorraine for co-ordinating the seed orders.