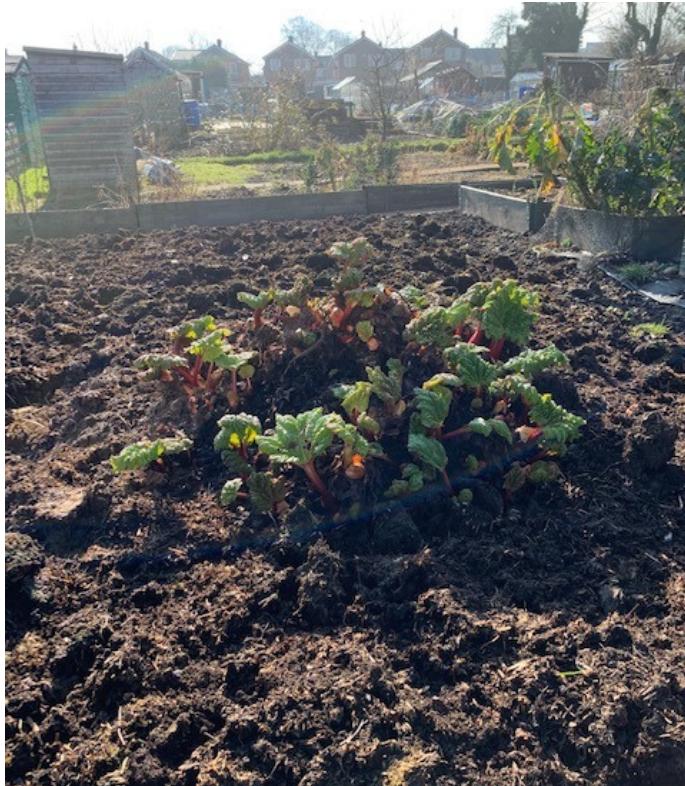




Ashgate Allotment Society

Spring 2021 Newsletter



We hope that you are looking forward to the new growing season. As you can see from the photograph, the first signs of the 2021 rhubarb crop have started to appear. As ever, our excitement has to be tempered, as it won't be too long before the weeds are with us!

Thanks to everyone for your continued cooperation through out the winter months as we have all had to adapt to new ways of working in order to remain safe during the Pandemic. As you know we have now removed the temporary restrictions on site access in line with Government Guidance.

Since the launch of the website last summer we have had a lot of interest in the Society and received a large number of new applications from potential new members.

We now have a waiting list of 38 people eager to join us. This is a great accolade to us all, knowing that so many local residents are so keen to join us.

If you are not planning to renew your tenancy agreement next month could you please let us know as soon as possible?

We are keen to help some of the folks on the waiting list join the Society and get cultivating their new plot.



It is with sadness that we have to report the recent death of Ann Hanson. Ann and her husband Dennis have been long standing members of the Society and were until her recent illness regular visitors to their plot no 2, beside the main gate.

May she rest in peace.



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Other Information:

AGM; we are postponing the AGM until it is safe for all of us to meet up, possibly in the summer. The existing committee will remain in place until then.

Rents 2021/22; we have frozen the rents for the year ahead for the third year running. Rents are due on 1 April and we will be sending out new tenancy agreements for your signature and require them to be returned with a cheque for the rent due.

Water harvesting; we are still very keen to harvest more rainwater and we have purchased a number of 50 gallon water butts – the blue ones. They are available to buy for the bargain price of £10 each. Please contact either Dave Gude or Peter Church who will be happy to advise you and may even be able to supply some guttering free of charge.

New Members; we have had two new members join us over the winter so please say hello to Lee and Claire on plot 13b if you are passing by.

Manure Deliveries; following the success of last year's manure deliveries we plan to organise the deliveries for late summer again. Now if you are planning to have a delivery in 2021 now is a good time to plan your plot so that any crops you have near the drop off point, will have been harvested by the time deliveries are made. It won't be possible to schedule any deliveries later in the year to assist both the farmer and ourselves.

More details will follow in due course.

"Our aim is to have fun and work together as a community to further develop a sustainable Society for the benefit of future generations of allotmenteers"

National Allotment Society Leisure Gardener-Magazine; [please click here to see the latest issue.](#)

Waste removal; please will you remove all waste from the allotment gardens and not place it on either the land beside the main gate or on the meadow behind the green container.

Feedback; we are keen to have your views so if you have any thoughts, please get in touch via the contact us section on the website.

And finally; please don't forget to keep your 2 metre distance, and follow the latest Government guidance at all times.

Your Committee,

- Dave Gude Plot 12
- Dermot Tobby (Secretary) Plot 15
- John Howitt (President) Plot 8
- Neil Hall (Chair) Plot 27A
- Peter Church Plot 7
- Rachel Sylvester Plot 4b
- Wendy Nicholls (Treasurer) Plot 28

