

Alers Road Leisure Gardens Association Newsletter – January 2025

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Happy New Year: Wishing a very happy and healthy new year to everyone. The weather is so variable again, one minute nice and bright, next day freezing and dull but least dry for now. The allotments are always a hive of activity with plenty of jobs needing to be completed to prepare for the plots for cultivating.

Welcome: We have quite a few new plot holders that have joined the site over the last couple of months. I am sure everyone will join me in extending a warm welcome to them all.

Welcome to:

- Kerry Stanley (44b)
- Maria Emilia do Couto Fonseca (23b)
- Graeme Chesters (97)
- Jake Chia (115)
- John Oguto (15b)
- Michael McDonald (3b)
- ALP Parkview Academy – Claire (47a)
- Hong Zhang (48a)
- Ishmael Aggrey (46a)
- Maciej Sobkowiak (119)

welcome to our allotment gardens and I wish you all the best.

Plots: When walking around the site there are a few plots that are looking in need of work to meet the tenancy agreement. I understand that not much growing occurs in this time of year but plots do need to be cared for and maintained.

Ruxley in Bloom 2024: Congratulations to 2 of our plot holders for their success in the Ruxley in Bloom competition in 2024.

- Dean Ludlow (plot 92b) came first in the Best New Comer category
- Mind (plot 80) came first in the Best Full Size Allotment category



Dean Ludlow with his award

Well deserved, I know a lot of work has gone into both plots.

Site Security: Security of the site is everyone's responsibility. It is frustrating to again be writing about locking the gates as you enter and exit the site. There have been several times when the gates have been shut and the padlock just hung on the gate but not secured. Our site is large and it is important that everyone feels safe when working their plots. We have also had petty thefts in the

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past, it is important to know that only people who should be on site are. So please ensure that you lock the gates behind you every time.

Log Book: Just a reminder that the log book is kept in the toilet block for all members to record any incidences relating to the site.

Website & Social Media: We are still looking for any member of the site that may be able to help and support the committee with setting up and running the social media sites such as Facebook / Instagram / X. If anyone is proficient in using social media and could spare a little time to either train a committee member or help set these up it would be much appreciated. I am sure there is a range of experiences out there. If you would be interested in helping set up Facebook or Instagram please feel free to contact one of the committee members or contact me at secretary@alersroadallotments.org

We would like to make the website a useful resource for members and future plot holders. If anyone has any articles that they would like to add to the website, such as asking a question, giving advice, sharing things that they have found works and are happy to share. please send any articles to myself or John Holland and we can arrange to have them uploaded.

Committee Meeting Dates: The Committee meets every other month; on a Sunday at 10.30am. We have an Open Access slot on the agenda at the beginning of each meeting for any member who wishes to address the committee with any allotment matters. Our next meeting date is the 9th February 2024

Bonfires: A friendly reminder that though bonfires are allowed please ensure that they are managed respectfully and responsibly. Do not leave a fire unattended. Only burn dry branches etc and ensure that there is no black smoke.

Debra Collins (Secretary)