

## Alers Road Leisure Gardens Association Newsletter – February 2026

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This is the first Newsletter for 2026, so a belated Happy New Year to everyone. I start this newsletter so like many others in the past talking about the weather. There has certainly been a lot of rain at the moment, mixed with spells of very cold weather. The positive to this rainy weather is that we could all use this opportunity to collect as much rain water as possible to help during the dry months. If you need any advice to set up a water system please ask a committee member, we all would be happy to help.

**Plots:** All the plots have now been let and the site is full. We have several new members on site some experienced holders and some new to the allotment life. I am sure everyone will make them feel welcome and offer support and help when needed.

**AGM:**  An important date for your diary, the AGM will be on the **10th of April 2026 at the Boys Brigade Hall. 7.45pm for an 8pm start.** The committee would like to encourage members to attend the Annual General Meeting and to get involved in the community of our site. As an incentive to encourage attendance, each Plot holder attending will be given a free raffle ticket to be drawn at the meeting for a £25 Gift Voucher for the onsite shop.

**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 past; it is important to know that only people who are meant to be on site has access. So please ensure that you lock the gates behind you every time.

**Social Media and Website:** We would like to send a big thank you to Donna Zimmerman for all her help in setting up a Facebook page for our site.. Donna has set up the page and is happy to help manage the site for us. She has already added some hints and tips to the page, so please have a look, you can like and follow the page. The page is Alers Road Allotments and the link is as follows

<https://www.facebook.com/share/185wKNjZiW/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

Our website is not being utilised as it could be. The website could be a source of information and support. 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. When new content is added to the site, the statistics show that we have an increase in visits to our website.

**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.

**Future Meeting dates:**

29th March 2026  
10th April 2026 - AGM  
31st May 2026  
26th July 2026  
27th September 2026

Debra Collins (Secretary)

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