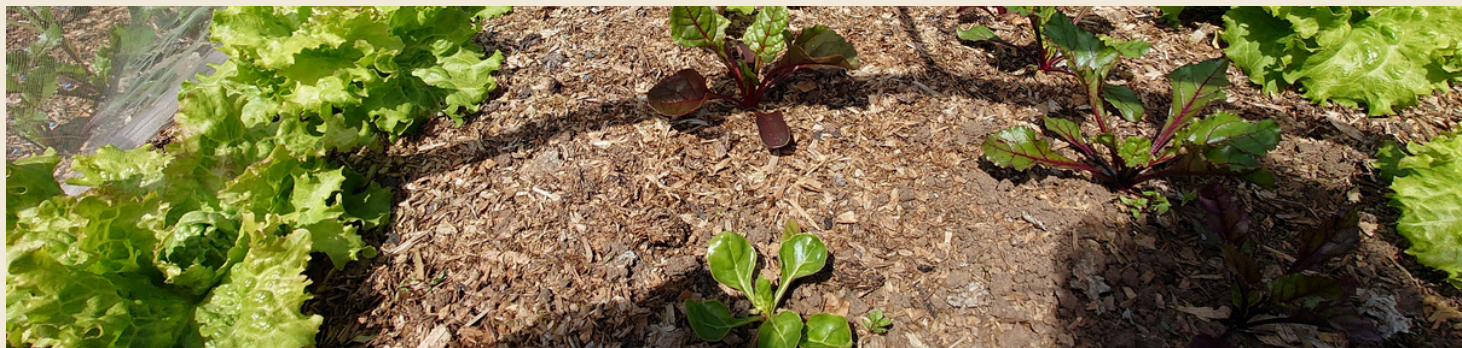


# Greenfingers Allotments Newsletter

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## Our Committee

### Welcome to our community allotments newsletter.

As we go into the new growing season, with a newly formed committee, we feel we firstly need to introduce ourselves and our roles within our community committee and what this entails for each of us, in contributing to the running of site.

#### **Chairperson- Charlotte Bragg** (plot 9).

Charlotte has been on site now for 4 years. 2 years of this she has been a committee member, learning the ropes. You more than likely will recognise her as being on the mower, cutting the grass. As Chairperson, Charlotte's role is to call and conduct meetings, ensure everyone's points of view are heard, keep meetings on track, following the agenda.

#### **Secretary: Gordon Simmons-** (plot 23 ).

Gordon has been a plot holder since the site was born, many of these being on the committee having filled several roles. Gordon is currently working hard on the Compost Plot alongside LESS and we can all agree it is really starting to take shape. As Secretary, Gordon's your first port of call for queries, correspondence and any issues that may arise. Gordon's role is to receive correspondence and take this to the committee on your behalf, for discussion and then feed this information back to you. If you have any queries or concerns please email Gordon on [greenfingerscp@gmail.com](mailto:greenfingerscp@gmail.com).

#### **Treasurer: Claire Lambert** (plot 40).

Claire is going into the 3<sup>rd</sup> year as a plot holder, along with James her husband. Claire was co-opted onto our committee and has bravely accepted the role of Treasurer. You may recognise Claire as winning last year's pumpkin competition! Claire's role as treasurer is an important one, as Claire will be responsible for our site funds. Claire will monitor income and expenditure and report these regularly at committee meetings and the annual AGM. We thank Claire for coming onto the committee and stepping up into such an important role for site.

#### **Plot Inspector: Keith Stanley** (Plot 4)

Keith has been a plot holder for 7 years along with his lovely wife Julie. Keith has been a committee member in the past and has recently been co-opted back on, so we thank Keith for stepping up and re-joining us.

You may recognise Keith from the amazing photography he captures around site and for the time he spends providing essential bird feed in our orchard. Keith has self-funded this for years and we thank Keith for looking after our local wildlife. **Any donations are welcomed!**

Keith's role is plot inspector. Keith will undertake plot inspections at regular intervals throughout the year, to ensure plots are being cultivated in line with allotment/ council rules. Keith will require plot-holders to assist with inspections, so if you would like to volunteer, please speak to a committee member. Please try not to find plot inspections daunting, if you have any problems or require any assistance, please speak to a committee member and we will try our best to help.

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## Committee continued

### **Plot Allocator: Julie Stanley** (plot 4)

Julie, along with Keith has been a plot holder for 7 years. Julie has been a committee member in the past and we are thrilled she has been co-opted onto the committee and are grateful she has stepped up.

Julie is a wealth of knowledge and if you are interested in a 'no-dig' approach to growing, ask Julie, best growing advice I have ever had.

Julie will be job-sharing the role of plot allocator with James. This is the best job on site.

Julie will contact, inform and offer, the next person on the list a plot! Good job right!

### **Plot Allocator: James Lambert** (plot 40)

James is going into his 3<sup>rd</sup> year as a plot holder and 2<sup>nd</sup> year as a committee member.

You may recognise James from helping out around site, in addition to winning the Pumpkin competition last year, along with wife Claire.

James will be job-sharing the role with Julie as plot allocator, so he too has the best job on site!

Bet you can all remember receiving that call to offer you a plot?



### **Committee Member/ Events Planning: Helen Lightfoot** (plot 43)

Helen has been a plot holder since the very beginning.

Helen has been co-opted onto the committee and we thank her for stepping up and joining us for this coming year.

Helen has been a committee member in the past, so her experience will be welcomed.

Helen is a wealth of knowledge especially when it comes to flowers.

If you need any advice on plants, speak to Helen, she is like an encyclopaedia.

Helen's role as a committee member will be to help with planning of events, helping in the poly tunnel for the open day plant sale and helping with suggestions to bring our community together.

### **Committee Member/ Events Planning: Frances Trainor** (Raised beds-1 & 7)

Frances has been a member of Green-fingers for 4 years, having 2 raised beds.

Frances has been co-opted onto the committee and we thank Frances for stepping up for site.

Frances will, along with Helen, work together with the rest of the committee to plan events throughout the year and make suggestions on how to move forward to build a strong community spirit.



## Volunteer Spotlight

I want to say a **big thank you** to the following for their help in painting the raised beds and topping them up with fresh compost!

- **Claire & James Lambert**
- **Gordon Simmons**
- **Charlotte Bragg**
- **Frances Westby**
- **Frances Trainor**
- **Helen Lightfoot**

They look amazing and are ready for the new growing season!

Also big thank you to **Katy Bateson** for assisting with plot inspections.

## Event News

Annual Rent Fees/ Tenancy Signing  
**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025 @ Green fingers Allotment, Community Shed, 2pm-4pm.**

This year we have had to postpone the AGM, however we will still be having a session for plot holders to sign their tenancy agreement for the year ahead and pay annual fees.

Annual Fee costs are as follows:

**Full plot- £80**

**Half plot- £40**

**Starter Plot- £20**

**Raised Bed- £7.50**

Our preferred payment method is BACS however unfortunately it will need to be CASH only this year. Receipts will be provided.

Please contact Charlotte on 07885283421, if you are unable to make this date to arrange payment.

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