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# LITTLE MOOR ALLOTMENTS LTD

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## AGM

There was a good turn out for the AGM on 18<sup>th</sup> February, with much discussed, prizes presented, and a change of chairman announced.

Ken Fawcett is standing down, and his replacement will be Phil Bradley.

Prizes presented (photos below left to right)

Peter Horrocks Trophy for Best newcomer – Ben Norman, Plot number 42A

LMAA Challenge Cup for Best Allotment – Alistair Hood, Plot number 101

LMAA Trophy for Most improved Allotment – Nick Moore, Plot number 79

Frank Snowden receiving thanks for all his work in the poly tunnel, and on the site generally



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As part of the AGM, Lesley presented Ken with a token of appreciation for all his hard work as chairman over the years.



## Peat free compost

Questions were asked at the AGM about the allotment switching to peat free composts. The meeting felt that it was important to allow choice for individual members, but reminded everyone that the trading hut stocks peat free compost year round.

# Thank you to BT

We were very grateful to get help from BT staff who volunteered to help over two days with a variety of projects including digging the pond, painting the raised beds which are being created for members with restricted mobility and removing tree stumps from some of the plots. They were a lovely group of young people who embraced the cold and wet, muddy conditions on the first day they were on the site. We made great progress on the second day, and the pond liner is now in place and will be filled once the water is turned back on.

## Trading Hut

The trading hut is a very valuable resource for all of us on the site. We need volunteers to help with the running of the trading hut on Sunday mornings from 10-12, and also to sell produce during those hours over the growing season. If you could help, please contact

Christine Hodgson at [littlemoorsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:littlemoorsecretary@gmail.com) ( trading hut rota)

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## Bonfires

Thank you to all plot holders who have taken on board the request not to have private bonfires. There has been a significant reduction in fires on individual plots and this really reduces the risk to wildlife, and also helps relations with those living in properties close to the site.

## Dead hedge

As you know we have a 'dead hedge' on the site, to encourage wildlife in the area. Recently hedge trimmings and other debris have been put in this area. Please could we ask all plot holders not to do this.

## Rats (and poison)

After 31 December 2024 it became illegal to use second generation anticoagulant rodenticides (SGARs) containing bromadiolone and difenacoum for rodent control in open areas and hedgerows (this would include allotments and gardens). This law has been passed by the CRRU (Campaign for Responsible Rodenticide Use) because SGARs can move up the food chain and damage other wildlife, with CRRU reporting 80% of barn owls having residues of these chemicals present.

Please can we ask that everyone ensure they are not using any products containing these chemicals.

Top tips for rodent control

Tidy up untouched areas

Minimise free water

Restrict access to food sources

Keep a look out for footprints, gnaw marks & droppings

Use a species specific bait trap if you use poison ( one that won't let e.g. hedgehogs in )

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