

SALGA – CHAIRMAN’S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2020

At the time of writing this – mid-January – it is a dreary, incessantly wet day and we are in the middle of our third national lockdown. What a depressing Winter this is turning out to be, both in terms of the weather and in terms of the global pandemic. This is truly a testing time for us all but more so for some than others. We are aware of SALGA members here in Swindon who have lost loved ones and our hearts go out to them. Those of us feeling a bit bored perhaps need to count our blessings. One of those blessings is that there are the first tentative signs of Spring. In our garden we have snowdrops out as well as plenty of flower buds on our camellia and daphne shrubs. It’s time to order seed potatoes, and the Kings seed orders should start to arrive shortly. We’ll then be into the new cycle of gardening which I know kept many of us cheerful last year.

We made the decision to temporarily close the SALGA Allotment Shop due to concern about the risk to our volunteers and members. We are planning to keep this under review and reopening will depend on the Covid risk locally. We were sorry to do this because the shop has been so successful and has provided a focus point for SALGA with members able to pop in for gardening items and at the same time have a friendly chat. Christine and her team have done a brilliant job in reorganising the shop and the stocktaking system, using a modern till, and this will be invaluable in the future.

We are planning to trial a system of direct bank payments for pre-ordered goods. We will keep you informed about this. We have continued to hold Zoom committee meetings and the monthly members meetings have been very successful. Recent ones include Timothy Walker who gave an interesting talk on “Colour in the Garden”, another where one of our members, Marilyn Trew, explained how she produced her very artistic local maps, and another Gardeners Question Time, where we were again impressed by how much knowledge our members have.

At the present time it isn’t at all clear when we might be able to meet in person but the Zoom meetings have worked well for those who have been able to take part. In the meantime, take care of yourselves. The pandemic is far from over though the vaccine rollout holds promise for the future. And Spring is coming!

With very best wishes,

Cindy Matthews

Chairman

January 2021

SWINDON ALLOTMENTS & LEISURE GARDENS ASSOCIATION - 1138814

Income and Expenditure Account for year to 31/12/20	2020	2020	2020		2019	2019	2019
	£	£	£		£	£	£
Membership fees income		1735				1896	
Gift Aid reclaim		308				470	
Donations, investment interest, sundries		361	2404			294	2660
Services to members							
Shop sales		21057				13187	
Deduct costs of goods sold	16701				10470		
Deduct other expenses inc equipment hire/overheads/insurance	1594		2762		1339	11809	1378
Sales of Kings seeds		4088				2964	
Deduct purchases	3771				2724		
Deduct other expenses	36	3807	281		56	2780	184
Potato Day net surplus		280					235
Potato Day refreshment sales		70					
Expenses		-120	230				
Holiday and day trip income (inc advance payments)		4770				19285	
Deduct Barnes coach hire and other costs		4770	0			18169	1116
Horticultural Show expenditure (2020 show trophies)		51				958	
Deduct entry fees, sponsorship and sales		0	-51			581	-377
Schools support and garden competition		-555	-555				-240
Monthly general meetings							
Speakers fees and travel	345				487		
Hire of halls and other costs	121	466			568	1055	

Deduct raffle ticket and refreshment sales		38	-428		699	-356
Christmas Social entertainment	0				0	
Hire of hall and other costs	0	0			96	96
Deduct raffle ticket and teas/coffees sales		0	0		123	27
Printing and distribution of newsletter			-231			-163
Surplus before overheads and other outgoings			4412			4464
Overheads and other outgoings						
Printing, stationery, postages		18			159	
Insurance - third party, public liability		75			75	
Insurance - Trustees Indemnity		259			218	
Hire of committee room		0			60	
Affiliation fees		57			57	
Gifts and honoraria		83			139	
Website, publicity		144			159	
Bank charges		60			60	
Other expenses		3	699		25	952
NET SURPLUS FOR YEAR			3713			3512
Charge to Building Reserve - residue of Lottery Grant			863			
Net Increase in Funds			2850			3512

Appropriation Account			
	2020		2019
	£		£
General Reserve brought forward	27357		23845

Add Surplus for year	3713		3512
General Reserve carried forward	31070		27357
Building Renewal Reserve			
Reserve brought forward	2412		1640
Grant from Lottery Fund	0		5682
Grant from Asda Foundation	0		200
	2412		7522
Deduct: new project spend	863		5110
Transfer to General Fund	0		0
Reserve carried forward	1549		2412
Balance Sheet as at 31 December			
	2020		2019
Fixed Assets			
Four shipping containers at cost	14050		14050
Less accumulated depreciation	1742	12308	1040
			13010
Current Assets			
Cash in bank current account	5072		3255
Cash on deposit accounts	10467		7890
Cash in hand	0		0
Shop stocks at cost	5300		6978
Payments in advance	1804		1782
Sundry debtors (inc GA reclaim & float)	757	23400	991
			20896
Total of fixed and current assets		35708	33906
Less: Current Liabilities			
Receipts in advance	3089		3658
Sundry creditors	0	3089	479
			4137
Net Assets		32619	29769

Represented by:

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Note: Donations received in respect of the late Mick Northcott totalled £393.55 of which £197.55 was spent. The remaining £196 will be kept in reserve in anticipation of further expenditure.

Accounts ratified by SALGA Committee at its Zoom meeting on 6 May 2021

Cindy Matthews

Chairman

John Edgerton

Treasurer

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Herewith a certificate to attach to the accounts for the AGM.

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