

Swindon Allotment & Leisure Gardens Association
Chair's Report

I'm pleased to report that SALGA has had another successful year. The last three years have been challenging for everyone and SALGA is no exception to this. Now that the severe risks from covid have subsided, we are facing high inflation, particularly for energy costs and food, largely because of the war in Ukraine, which are causing concern and anxiety for many of us. Our gardens and allotments provide sanctuary (and I would argue sanity) during these difficult periods.

SALGA has managed to resume all its normal activities. We have had 10 successful open meetings, with an array of varied and interesting speakers, on subjects as diverse as owls, local history, Norman Thelwell, the Avebury Manor garden, gardening without pesticides, growing tomatoes, clematis and foxgloves, and using up surplus produce by making chutneys and jams.

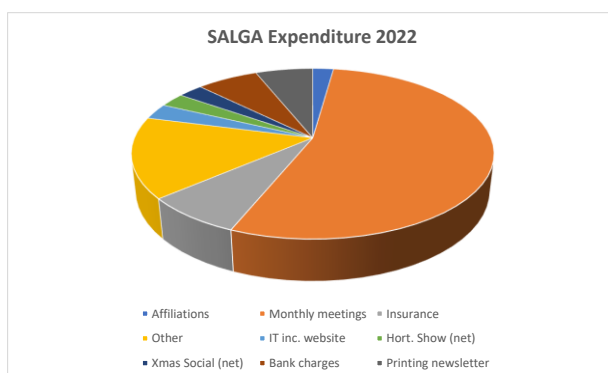
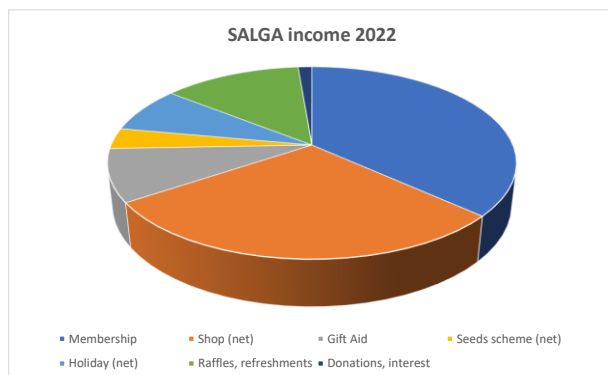
The shop has gone from strength to strength. We have only been opening on Fridays and Saturday mornings this year and that seemed to find a balance between staffing and demand, although the early weeks were very hectic. We opened for a couple of mornings for coffee and cake mornings which included us getting a local tool sharpener to come along with his mobile van, a service that was clearly well received, judging by the queues for his services.

We had a successful horticultural show, which was brilliantly organised as always, and a primary schools gardening competition, which resulted in 3 schools being declared the winners, one the overall winner, another having the best vegetable planting and another the best fruit planting. All these schools were represented and a number of children came along to the horticultural show to receive their prizes.

SALGA does need some new committee members with new ideas. I am standing down as Chair in May. This is a role that can be made to fit the postholder, with the minimum input being attendance at the majority of the meetings - 10 committee meetings and 12 all member meetings. We have been successful at recruiting new shop volunteers this year and some additional committee members would put SALGA in a much stronger position going forwards.

CINDY MATTHEWS – CHAIR
January 2023

2	Stock		
	Stock b/f	6953	
	Purchases	13113.41	
	Stock c/f	7332	Actual count 13/1/23
	Cost sales	12734.41	
1	Donations	22.66	dl-1
	Interest	31.78	li-1
	Sundries	7.77	
		62.21	
3 Shop O/H			
	Utilities	-189	
	General OH	-606.02	
	Depreciation	-703	
	Sale of till	0	
	Bags		
	OVO support	199	
	Cleaning		
	Other		
		-1299.02	



Income		
Membership	1635	
Shop (net)	1287	
Gift Aid	393	
Seeds scheme (net)	156	
Holiday (net)	346	
Raffles, refreshments	580	
Donations, interest	58	4455
Expenditure		
Affiliations	65	
Monthly meetings	1594	
Insurance	222	
Other	452	
IT inc. website	89	
Hort. Show (net)	79	
Xmas Social (net)	78	
Bank charges	193	
Printing newsletter	180	2952
		1503
Tfr to Buildings Reserve		1000
Net funds increse		503

SALGA Accounts 2022 – Independent Examiner's Certificate

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

I have examined the accounts of SALGA for the year 2022 and received answers to the queries that I raised.

I am satisfied that the revenue accounts, showing a nett increase in funds of £2,252 are a true and fair view of the transactions for the year and that the balance sheet, showing nett assets of £35,939 is an accurate representation of the position at 31st December, 2022.

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15-May-23