

SWINDON ALLOTMENT & LEISURE GARDENS ASSOCIATION

Registered charity number 1138814

Charity Trustees' Annual Report year ending 2024

The Constitution of Swindon Allotment and Leisure Gardens Association states its purpose as being:

"The advancement of education in horticulture and to promote, encourage and improve horticulture by the holding of horticultural shows, competitions, meetings, lectures, discussions, demonstrations and running allotment gardens."

Work of SALGA

SALGA continued to fulfil the objectives above with many events organised, as always, by the volunteers who make all these activities possible.

Monthly Meetings

Our thanks go to Irene Cooke and Marilyn Stott for their sterling work in organising the speakers and trips over the years. The programme in 2024 included talks on the newly Opened Swindon Museum, Gardening the Globe, Horticulture of the Commonwealth War Graves Foundation Worldwide, The Cutting Garden and Christmas Floral Art. We finished the year with a Quiz & Fish and Chip Supper.

Going forward, Sandie Mulcahy and Avril Muirhead have taken up the responsibility for organising the monthly speakers in 2025.

Shop

The shop at Pickards Field continues to provide garden supplies to members at competitive prices despite the rising prices due to inflation. The shop opens on Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings from February to November 10.00am-12.00 noon. Thank you to Viv Dipper and the volunteers who give up their time to run the shop and to those who help to unload the stock deliveries under the supervision of Roy Strange, Shop Manager.

Horticultural Show

The annual Horticultural Show was held at the Pinetrees Centre and was very well attended. The Schools Garden Scheme continues to encourage children to take up gardening and is a big part of the day's success. The Show Committee are looking at ways to expand their work in local schools in the coming year.

Trips

Trip this year included visits to Welford Park in February, Kew Gardens in July and a trip to London in December. Although the current trip organiser has now stepped down, we are hoping to find someone to organise future trips as they are greatly enjoyed by our members.

Newsletters

SALGA publishes three newsletters a year, with contributions from members giving local gardening news, sharing tips and recipes.

Where SALGA's money comes from

We rely totally on membership subscriptions to fund all our activities. The annual subscription has been increased to £7.00 per household, a £2.00 increase from 2023. The committee felt this was needed due to higher running costs and increased stock costs for the shop. We held our annual coffee morning in March 2024 which provided an opportunity for members to socialize and exchange hints and tips on gardening. SALGA finances are healthy and membership continues to flourish.

How we spent our money 2023-2024

We recently purchased a new digital projector and sound system to improve the overall experience of our monthly talks.

Due to constant flooding, repair works were recently carried out to improve the access area to the shop.

These repairs were carried out in conjunction with Central Swindon Parish Council who own the site and we were asked to contribute 50% of the cost.

Money is also spent on monthly speakers, hall rental and the schools competition.

SALGA continues to provide many activities that the gardeners of Swindon enjoy, and we hope this will continue in the future.

SWINDON ALLOTMENTS & LEISURE GARDENS ASSOCIATION - 1138814									
Income and Expenditure Account for year to 31/12/24				Notes	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023
Membership fees income						2143		1816	
Gift Aid reclaim						505		301	
OVO Energy support						0		201	
Donations, investment interest, sundries				1		618	3266	112	2430
Services to members									
Shop operations									
Shop sales						15676		15694	
Deduct costs of goods sold				2	13509			14348	
Deduct other expenses/overheads				3	981	14490	1186	772	15120
Seeds scheme									
Sales of Kings seeds						3911		3583	
Deduct purchases					3635			3340	
Deduct other expenses					10	3645	266	30	3370
Trips/holidays									
Holiday and day trip income (inc advance payments)						4433		3764	
Deduct Barnes coach hire and other costs						4258	175	3267	497
Horticultural Show									
Show expenditure				4		691		657	
Deduct entry fees, sponsorship and sales				4		494	-197	587	-70
Schools support and garden competition									
						0	0	31	-31
Monthly general meetings/AGM									
Speakers fees and travel					783			623	
Hire of halls and other costs inc raffle					873	-1656		834	-1457
Deduct raffle ticket and refreshment sales						581	-1075	788	-669
Christmas Social									
Entertainment				5	291			298	
Hire of hall and other costs						-291		26	-324
Deduct raffle ticket and teas/coffees sales						171	-120	256	-68
Printing and distribution of newsletter									
						231	-231	90	-90
Previously unbudgeted costs									
Emergency groundworks Pickards Field						-600			
Replacement of PA Equipment						-539	-1139		
Surplus before overheads and other outgoing							2131		2786
Overheads and other outgoing									
Printing, stationery, postages						120		0	
Insurance - third party, public liability						75		75	
Insurance - Trustees Indemnity						80		0	
						0		0	
Affiliation fees						75		75	
Gifts and honoraria				6		50		50	
Website, publicity, IT						0		89	
Bank charges						143		168	
Other expenses						19	562	33	490
NET SURPLUS FOR YEAR							1569		2296
Fresh charge to Building Reserve							1000		1000
Net Increase in Funds							569		1296

2	Cost goods sold
Stock b/f	8244
Purchases	13669
	21913
Stock c/f	8404
Cost goods sold	13509
3	Shop overheads
Utilities	167
Depreciation	700
Pat testing	30
Spare keys	14
Misc expenses	70
	981
1	Sundry income
Bank/invest	571
Donations	47
	618

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Much higher rate of interest from new Virgin investment account
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See calculation of COGS in table above
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Shop overheads - see separate calculation
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See separate accounting for Show income & expenditure
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Cost of fish & chips at Xmas social (invoice 88)
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Appropriation Account		2024	2023		
		£	£		
General Reserve brought forward		34570	33274		
Add Surplus for year		1569	2296		
Transfer to Building Renewal Reserve		<u>-1000</u>	<u>-1000</u>		
General Reserve carried forward		<u>35139</u>	<u>34570</u>		
Building Renewal Reserve					
Reserve brought forward		<u>3665</u>	<u>2665</u>		
			0		
Transfer from General Fund		<u>1000</u>	<u>1000</u>		
Reserve carried forward		<u>4665</u>	<u>3665</u>		
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024		2024	2024	2023	2023
Fixed Assets		14050		14050	
Four shipping containers at cost		4552	9498	3850	10200
Less accumulated depreciation					
New PA equipment		539	539		
Current Assets		6764		13157	
Cash in bank current account		13612		10604	
Cash on deposit accounts		100		100	
Cash in hand (shop float)		8404		8244	
Shop stocks at cost		1089		0	
Payments in advance		505	30474	301	32406
Sundry debtors (inc GA reclaim)					
Total of fixed and current assets			40511		42606
Less: Current Liabilities					
Receipts in advance (shop sales, memberships, trips)		707		1031	
Sundry creditors		0	707	3340	4371
Net Assets		39804		38235	
Represented by:					
General Reserve carried forward		35139		34570	
Building Renewal Reserve carried forward		<u>4665</u>		<u>3665</u>	
		<u>39804</u>		<u>38235</u>	

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Accounts to be ratified by SALGA Committee at meeting on 3 April 2025

Sandie Mulcahy
Chairman

John Edgerton
Treasurer

SALGA Accounts 2024 – 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 2024 and received answers to the queries that I raised.
I am satisfied that the revenue accounts, showing a nett increase in funds of £1,569 are a true and fair view of the transactions for the year and that the balance sheet, showing nett assets of £39,804 is an accurate representation of the position at 31st December 2024.

Al White
Independent Examiner
31-Mar-25

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