

FRIENDS OF ALLESLEY PARK: AGM

October 2024

Trustees and volunteers of the local community were present at the AGM.

Minutes from the previous AGM was agreed and signed off.

Chairman's Report:

With great sorry I have to report, which the majority of you will be aware of the deaths of Paul Silver and Sandra Edwards, who was our Treasurer and a Trustee. Both have been volunteers for many years and their gardening knowledge will be greatly missed. You just can't replace this type of knowledge and enthusiasm! We have made a £50.00 donation to Myton, where Paul sent several weeks. We are in conversation with both families and we will be purchasing trees and roses to be planted in the Park for Paul and Sandra, later this year or early next.

The Trustees agreed for Janet Archer to continue as Treasurer, which she agreed too.

The problem with the lack of volunteers and being unable to recruit new members continues. Although we have gained another volunteer, Brian. We have tried various methods to encourage new volunteers without success. They only come for a few weeks. We note that the Walled Garden Group are suffering the same difficulties.

We have purchased a metal bladed cordless strimmer. As we mentioned last year some of the roses are in a poor health and may need replacing soon. One of the problems is where to plant them. We still receive plants that have been given to us from the local community. Some of these had been grown on from seed to plant in the Park.

Our main duties that we have been carrying out remain the same:

Weeding, removing brambles, stinging nettles from various parts of the Park, mainly in and around the crazy golf area, the Walled Garden and the Fairy Garden. The Fairy Garden is still very popular with the younger children, taking their parents and grandparents around the various paths showing them the various Fairy houses. (which we have installed). Another time consuming item is the path clearing of weeds in the Walled Garden. The two families of moorhens appear to be in permanent residence on the pond. These are visited regularly by the visitors to the Park. Unfortunately the path to the pond has been closed for some considerable time due to the need to replace the path. I am informed by the Park's Department that after several problems this should be completed soon.

Sandra was the main organiser for the Fairy Garden and we are organising a sub committee to maintain the Fairy Garden in Sandra's honour. The Park Rangers are also involved, with plans and suggestions and a new path will require installing.

We continued to garden (weather permitting) until November. We started again in February / March again weather permitting, mainly clearing die-back and pruning.

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TREASURER
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

Mrs Janet Archer.

31st August 2024 to 30th August 2025

	Credits.	Debits
31st August 2024 Balance brought forward.	£493.66.	Nil
30th August 2025 Total Spent	£102.88	Nil
Grand Total 30th August 2024.	£390.78	Nil

We have sent during this year £102.88 on the purchase of a metal blade cordless strimmer.

Donation to Myton of £50.00. For the death of our volunteer Paul Silver. We will be purchasing roses and an acer dedicated to Paul later this year or early next.

We will be purchasing a Rowan tree and roses for Sandra Edwards, again later this year for early next. These will be planted in the Park.

Some of the roses will require replacing next year.