

Rhandiroedd Nantporth Allotments

A Foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Charity Number 1179299)

Registered address: 10 Victoria Park, Bangor LL57 2EW

Trustees are currently: Adam Voelcker (Secretary), Steph Meadows (Treasurer) and Sarah Collick

Registered Charitable objects

TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF ALLOTMENT FACILITIES AND A COMMUNITY ORCHARD IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE.

Trustees Annual Report 2024

Generally

2024 has been a disappointing growing year because the spring and early summer were so wet. Most plot-holders have had mixed to poor success. Many suffered potato blight, very few even tried to grow tomatoes. Pond plants have been disturbed by ducks; on the other hand we have enjoyed seeing 13 ducklings begin life in our pond. One high point was the workday and BBQ in July, attended by 16 people including some children.

Projects for 2024

Of the projects listed in 2023 to do in 2024, the following have been done:

- the fence to Nantporth Farm has been repaired and made secure
- the fruit bushes have been planted out in raised beds around the picnic table
- the path near the sheds has been improved
- access to online banking

Also done:

- enclosures made for compost and invasive weeds/docks
- second-hand polytunnel acquired and brought to site
- second training day held (on tool-sharpening & blight issues, at Tyddyn Teg)
- and the lease has finally been signed!

Still ongoing:

- work on the pond has been postponed until we see how the pondliner performs this winter
- further thefts do not seem to have been a problem, so no further action taken
- the Council plan to improve the coastal path, drains etc
- improvement to tree supports in orchard

Plots

We have had some changeovers in plotholders and as some decided to downsize, we now have a total of 36 plots, of which we have 2 micro plots and 2 half plots unoccupied and 13 full plots, 13 half plots, 2 quarter plots and 4 micro plots in use.

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Workdays

We held 10 workdays (4 Feb, 3 March, 5 May, 8 May, 2 June, 4 July, 4 Aug, 1 Sept, 6 Oct, 3 Nov). Work carried out included grass cutting, pulling up docks, removing hogweed, trimming hedge, mulching fruit trees, collecting polytunnel and preparing ground for, building compost/dock enclosures. Attendance was on the whole disappointing; there are still some plot-holders who have never attended a workday, though some will have done work in their own time if Sundays are difficult.

Committee

The committee met 3 times during 2024 (29 May, 20 Aug and 25 Oct).
Lisa Mundle has stepped down and Sue Carter has taken her place (as Chair).
The registered address has been changed now that there is no direct link with Treborth via Lisa.

Projects for 2025

- finalise lease
- erect polytunnel

ACCOUNTS AS AT 22 DECEMBER 2024

BANK BALANCE (as at 22/12/2024)	£1842.16
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INCOME

Plot fees	£998.00
(No grant income this period)	

OUTGOINGS

Insurance	£337.04	
Welsh Water bill	£175.79	
Fuel and jerry can	£34.39	
Security camera	£42.39	
Fence repair work & materials	£628.80	
Total		£1218.41

OUTSTANDING FOR 2024

Solicitors' fees	c. £1000
Water	c. £175
Rent	£225

(it is unclear when the council will start charging rent and if they will backdate)