

Boundary Allotment Association

Annual General Meeting

11am 29th March 2026

Held in the Polytunnel Boundary Way Allotments

Attendees:

Howard Berry 66F,, Tom Jones 70b, Adrian Wise 56F & 57B, Stephen Rhodes 69F, Helen Stallard Wolves Play Cafe, Hugh Hughes 51a, Dave Brown 4R, Simon Meredith 62A-63A, Sally Hilton 20F, James Hewitt 15F, Derek Thom 67F, Alice Lane 54F, Dave Schofield 27F, Matt Parkes 21f, Yvonne Hindes 40F, Mike Phillips 53F, Julie Wilson 4F, Tony Mason 10F, Steve Callow 3F, Jared Mason 30B, Bashar Mohammad 35F, Jake Lock 55A, Jag Basra 58F, Sewn Kang 60b - 61B, Max O'Farrell 68F.

25 Associates.

1. Apologies:

Alma Kimber 9f, Kerry Hughes 18B, Mandy Lane 16B, Denise Fletcher 59B, Fabrizio Reynolds 64F, Sue Pitt 50B, Katharine Skorka 50A1.

2. Welcome

As we are without a Chairman, HB Secretary thanked the attendees for coming.

3. Minutes of the last AGM

Minutes for the previous meetings and the current financial statement are available on the website.

4. Treasurer's report.

Tom Jones presented the accounts for the period ending 1st April 2026 Copies were made available to all those present, and they can be viewed and downloaded from our website.

Overview of accounts was discussed and the bank statements were circulated, James Hewitt had checked the accounts and counter-signed the statement of accounts.

Tom Jones was pleased to report the help that we have received from users of the community garden, particularly Wolves Play Café £775.

Repairs have been made to the Orchard Shed and the bird hide. There are now eight raised beds near the entrance gate. All this work has been done by plotholder volunteers and the clients of the Crafty Gardener.

The Kings Seed scheme was well supported and netted a profit of £221. He thanked Sally Hilton for her help with this.

Income has also been generated by the deposits of £50 which helps to cover the cost of clearing plots.

Clearly the expenditure on water is far higher than the previous year. This was partly due to the increase in the standing charges and the exceptionally dry, hot summer. But there are still many plots that are not

making enough effort to capture rainfall. And there are people that do not water wisely. If these errors continue we will have to take action such as charging ploholders that are not gathering water paying more and a banning of hosepipes.

Tom Jones concluded by saying that our income over expenditure is £1184.74 and our current account balance is £10938.93. We do not need to raise the rents this year and he believes that we should consider re-covering the polytunnel. He thanked Julie and Ian Wilson for their help in gathering quotes for this project. (details in AOB)

The rents for 2026-7 will remain as follows

Full Plots	£50 (over 80's £45)
Three quarter plots	£45 (eg. plot 61)
Half Plots	£40
Shortened Plots 30A, 30B & 50B	£30
Starter Plots (e.g. Plot 49 quartered)	£25
Raised Beds	£30
Poly Tunnel Tables	£10
Polytunnel Raised Beds	£25

Good House Keeping deposits

New tenants will be required to pay a deposit of £50. If the tenant leaves the plot in good order at the end of their tenure, this will be refunded.

As a concession for current plot holders over the age of 80 there will be a discount of £5 for each plot size except for the Polytunnel raised beds and tables.

5. Secretary's Report.

I am pleased to welcome new plot holders and their families:

Daniel Dossiter 14B, Micaila Gregory 29B, Tanyha Marsh 30A1, Larisa Corr 30A2. Jared Mason 30B, Bashar Mohammad 35F.

Thank you very much for the many good wishes and support given to me and Cécile over the last year. A special thanks to all those who helped fill the gap whilst I was dealing with Cécile's sudden and critical seizure in June.

A special thank you to Tom Jones in particular as he was the "last man standing" and had to deal with many more tasks that he already has. As some of you have seen, Cecile is making very good progress in her recovery.

Tom has assembled a group of able bodied men; Steve Rhodes, Dave Schofield, Mike Phillips, Tony Mason, Trevor Baggot, Matt Parks and others to spend the winter burning, fixing moving trimming, digging, strimming.... (Tom's Team). Able bodied women may also apply for membership. Thank you for all your work.

Thank you to the Crafty Gardeners Matt and Sally for the flexibility and support they give, often linking with Tom's Team. They have helped with the construction of the raised beds and also look after the Beacon Centre for the Blind plot.

The Wolves Play Café.

Helen and Lisa and their daffodil yellow team have done a great deal to improve the Community Garden. They bring vitality and pleasure with the little mud-larks and their carers.

They also bring financial help and advice in reaching out to external sources of volunteering and sponsorship. The Charter Bank are regular visitors and do a great deal of enthusiastic work such as planting and weeding the Orchard Bank (The Bank Bank).

A recent article in the Allotment Magazine highlights the need for allotments to be more than just about vegetables, flowers and soil, but key social and community supports; even to the extent of them being socially prescribed by the medical profession for their mental and physical health benefits. Here Boundary Way is showing what can be done!

The Wolves Play Café
The Crafty Gardener
NHS Green Spaces
Penn Fields School Plot
The Walkers for Health

All this creates a virtuous circle and brings so much to all of us and I love to be part of it.

What about the plottolders you may say! We have had a few celebrations that have taken place that we hope have brought together plottolders to chat and improve the sociability of the allotment families and friends.

The May Barbeque organised by Alice Lane and Yvonne Hindes was well supported and a real success.

The Christmas Luncheon at the Holly Bush Penn. Again, Alice and Yvonne got behind this and Alice took charge of collecting the money. It was great fun with added entertainment by celebrity star Julie Wilson and her back-up Tom Jones. It was unusual!

We need more celebrations to mark the seasons. And we need a strong committee to support this.

I will not go into details about our usual problems. They remain the same as last year and the year before that (just refer to last year's AGM minutes. We need to address these, so we need volunteers-committee members- Officers that hold responsibilities (financial and legal). I thank the present committee for their work.

Rob Shinfield, Glynne Taft, Yvonne Hindes, Alma and Allan Kimber are all stepping down. Tom Jones is now 80 and I soon will be. As illness, and waning strength and abilities are evident, we need younger members to take over from us.

6.Election of committee officers.

The following were re-elected without calling for a vote:

Chairman Vacant

Tom Jones (70B)Treasurer

Howard Berry (66F)Secretary

Committee

Adrian Wise (56F & 57A)

Mike Phillips (53F)

Sally Hilton (20F)

Matt Parkes (22F)

Helen Stallard Community Garden Manager Wolves Play Cafe

Kerry Hughes (18B) Social Media

Lisa Stallard Community Garden Wolves Play Cafe Manager

Steve Rhodes (69F)

Alice Lane (R5)

Debbie Mills (R1)PGS Representative

The following came forward to join the committee

Bashar Mohammad

James Hewitt

Julie Wilson

Tony Mason

7. A.O.B

Tony Mason highlighted the need for first aid boxes to be readily available on site. He had to assist a man that had badly gashed leg. Tony had a kit inside his car and therefore this could be used but other first aid kits are locked away (the orchard chalet)

Recovering the polytunnel: Julie Wilson has contacted several companies and consider that the one from Northern Polytunnels was more detailed and inclusive of specific items which indicated a more professional well thought out quote and should be accepted.

This was put forward to the whole attendees and voted to be accepted

There being no further matters, Howard Berry thanked all those who had taken time to attend and closed the meeting.

Close of Meeting 11:45 am