

Site 2 Report for AGM November 2020

I confess I find it difficult to comprehend that a whole year has passed since I first meandered amongst the plots of Site 2 in my capacity as secretary. My initial ineptitude at knowing what were the requirements of the post was only surpassed by my enthusiasm at rising to the challenge. Indeed, I owe much to the good offices and mentoring of our extremely patient and competent chair, Helen Finch, who has coped with my many enquiries, steering me through the brambles to the clearing beyond.

Plot maintenance

It has been my great pleasure to observe the beauty and creativity of many of the allotments which I hesitate to describe as plots, preferring to picture them more accurately as vegetable gardens.

Herb garden

I have noted that the herb garden which has been lovingly created and maintained by members of site 2 is thriving. It is very satisfying to see that many plot holders are taking advantage of the many herbs available in the garden to add a little extra fresh interest to their culinary creations.

Social hut

I am also very pleased to report that the new social hut is well underway. Plot holders should not now have too long to wait before being able to sit in comfort out of the rain and cold with a warm comforting brew while exchanging gardening tips and know-how with their fellow allotmenters.

Lettings

Turning to more prosaic matters, I can now report that over the course of the past twelve months, we have seen the sad passing of two plot holders, one of whom had been a plot holder for approximately thirty years. Other plot holders have left to relocate to pastures new, one of whom is the last of a succession of family members who have been plot holders on site 2 for the past 50 years. It is truly the sad end of an era for that particular plot holder. Accordingly, there have been 16 new lettings including plot holders who have moved to larger plots.

Appreciation

I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the many plot holders on Site 2 who have made my journey through the upward learning curve of being site secretary an unmitigated pleasure. I can say that it has been a privilege and a pleasure to have had the great fortune to meet so many kind and charming people who have greeted me with friendliness, encouragement and an immense amount of good humour. I can also add that my gardening knowledge has increased immeasurably in the last twelve months, so much so that I have been able to successfully grow several plants that had hitherto resisted my best efforts.

My thanks to you all for your kindnesses, friendship and very welcome guidance.

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