

Annual General Meeting - November 2022

Trading Secretary's Report

The Store has had a good year. It continues to be a useful source for our members as well as a place to meet and exchange tips with fellow gardeners. I am pleased to report that the Store generated income of £2,689 on sales of £14,318 thereby being able to support the projects undertaken by RGS to improve the workings of the allotments.

Country Natural is our best seller, especially as it has been impossible to get deliveries of manure no matter how hard we try. It is so popular that we have had to stipulate that more than 10 bags must be pre-ordered to ensure that there are enough for all our members.

There have been several price increases this year especially for the Maxicrop Liquid Feeds and Pelleted Chicken Manure. We have increased the amount of Tomorite we stock to offer a cheaper alternative to feed our tomatoes. We have been advised by one of our suppliers that further increases are expected on January 1st next year.

The potatoes, onions, shallots, garlic and spring bulbs have sold well. We introduced dahlia tubers this April which did not sell so well, perhaps as many of our members concentrate on growing vegetables and fruit and do not have the space for dahlias which take quite a bit of room.

The Cafe has not been utilised as much this year following lockdown. We have made the decision to no longer provide cake on Sundays but will review this next March when the Store gets busy again.

We were very grateful for the heating system installed in the Spring and give our thanks to Patrick Crawford for making this happen.

There are many people to thank to ensure that the Stores operate well. Particular thanks to Greg Willcox who is responsible for the orders of Country Natural which are delivered almost weekly and ensuring that the Store on Site 3 is well stocked. I would like to thank Georgina O'Reilly for keeping the tea area in good order and all the volunteers who give up their time to help in the Stores on Sites 2 and 3.

Gill Tamsett,
Trading Secretary

Report on SEEDS

We have been buying our seeds on a “Sale or Return” basis from Kings Seeds since January 2014 when Liz Smart set up our account. I took over from her in 2018 and have been most fortunate to have Georgina O’Reilly’s help and advice in that time. In this past year we have sold over 1000 packets of seed.

However, it is time for someone to have a fresh look at our seed stock and Annie Hardinge has agreed to take on the role. I am sure you will still find your favourites but look out for some new additions to the racks!

Jackie Savage