

SOUTH HARPENDEN ALLOTMENT & GARDENS SOCIETY

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON 9th AUGUST 2023

AT THE TED ALLEN ROOM, ALLOTMENT CENTRE, DARK LANE, HARPENDEN

PRESENT:

Committee members: Mike Coble (MC), Carole Pamphlett (CP), Jane Keech (JK), Alex Davies (AD), Geoff Bateman (GB), Rod Cooley (RC), Keith Davison (KD), Mike Lawson (ML), Rich Waight (RW), Hazel Upton (HU), Roger White (RW), Stephan Barnard (SB), Peter Loveland (PL), Helen Loveland (HL)

Society Members: Ron Jesson (RJ), M Beck (MB), J Myers (JM), Mary Hoare (MH), Noelle Roberts (NR), Tina Crawford (TC), B cooper (BC)

H.T.C.: No-one from HTC was available to attend.

APOLOGIES: Roger Glanville, Rachel Andrew, Steve Case, Marcia Dorey, Harriet Dorey, Roger Dorey, Fraser Gordon (FG), Linda Gahagan (LG)

CHAIR: Mike Coble

The Chair welcomed all those attending the AGM. The Society is now in its 54th year.

1. Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting

The 2022 AGM Minutes were presented to the meeting and agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting. These were approved unanimously.

2. Matters arising from Minutes

The minutes from the 2022 AGM stated that three trees were to be removed from AB site. The trees have not yet been removed.

3. Year End Accounts & Treasurer's report

Copies of the year end accounts were circulated prior to the meeting and uploaded to the website.

CP explained that things have been difficult as she had an accident and when Roger (previous shop manager) sadly passed away, it was very difficult to access bank accounts.

Money is currently in a building society, but it is not earning much interest.

The shop technically made a loss, but we have lots of stock. A new water heater was purchased and also, new doors.

Purchases this year include a new shed for HR and new machinery for various sites.

The audit has been undertaken and signed. The shop will donate £1000 to the Society this year.

The meeting was asked to approve the accounts as presented - approved by unanimous vote and signed by MC.

There was a round of applause for CP to thank her for all her hard work.

4. Proposed amendments to the Society Rules

There were no amendments to society rules.

5. Trustees Reports

5.1 Chair's report – Mike Cobley

See report attached to minutes.

MC reminded members that everyone on the committee is a volunteer and a great deal of work is undertaken behind the scenes.

Everyone thanked MC for his hard work.

6 Officers' & Other Reports:

See report attached to minutes.

6.1 Database Manager / Lettings Secretary's report – Alex Davis

See report attached to minutes.

There are currently 5.5 plots available across the sites. Most of the available plots have been neglected.

East Harpenden pay contractors to clear plots so that they are ready for new people, but the cost is approximately £300 per plot.

Going forward, sites reps will be more proactive about neglected plots. We do have a 'Neglected Plot' procedure, but the process can take a long time. ML went through the procedure with a plot holder and the whole process took 5 months and was quite stressful.

The whole process will be brought forward to enable plots to be ready to take on at the start of the growing season.

A discussion took place about a suggestion that plot holders pay a deposit that is only returned if plot is left in the original state, but it was agreed that this would be too difficult to manage.

6.2 Shop Report

See report attached to minutes – summary included in Chairman's report.

We have lost one of our suppliers. PL has found a new seed potato supplier. Some varieties are in short supply as it was a bad year for potatoes last year. We may have different varieties for next season including Anya and possibly La Ratte. The supplier also stocks onion sets, shallots, and garlic.

6.3 Machinery Manager's Report – Roger White

See report attached to minutes.

We have continued to invest in battery mowers / strimmers.

Plot holders seem happy with the new machinery. Machinery is lighter, quieter, and easier to start.

We continue to investigate the possibility of solar panels to enable battery charging but they are approximately £1700 per panel. Some site reps take batteries home to charge.

Batteries can be charged at PH site.

All machines take use the same batteries. More batteries are needed.

We have a plot holder who is interested in working on petrol machines.

6.4 Communications Officer / Webmaster' Report – Rod Cooley

See reports attached to minutes.

RC continues to send notifications and updates to members and likes to keep the website vibrant.

The photo competition will take place again this year but not the scarecrow competition. RC and JK will work together on this, and the photos will be judged by someone who is not a member of the society. The judge is a keen gardener and photographer.

(RC has sent instructions to explain how to submit / upload photos)

The 'Absent Friends' section has been updated as we have sadly lost some more members.

RC will notify members of guidelines for using paid help on plots.

RA continues to manage the society's Facebook page.

7 Election of Officers and Committee for 2023/24

- Refer to document, "Election of Committee Schedule SHAGS AGM 9th August 2023".

There has been one resignation from the committee: -

Roger Glanville has sadly resigned from the Vice Chairman role due to ill health.

It was unanimously agreed that the role will now be shared by Roger White and Alex Davies.

All other officers were unanimously re-elected except for the role of Publicity Officer.

JK suggested that this title could be offered to RA as she now does a lot of publicity via our Facebook page.

It was agreed that she should be offered the position, but she was not present at the meeting.

JK will make contact and notify everyone of the decision.

Posts remaining vacant at this AGM:-

Honorary President

7. Questions from Members

There were no questions from members.

8 Any Other Business

There were no other items for AOB.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Date of next AGM TBA

Summary of SHAGS Committee Reports for AGM

Wednesday 9th August – 7.30 in the Ted Allen Room

Chairman's Report

(Mike Cobley)

Already two thirds of the way through the year and another AGM ...

We have had a busy and productive year this year with nearly 100% occupancy on all our sites and despite the harsh winter conditions through until March many plot holders have had bumper crops. The grass has certainly grown well. Many thanks to all our hardworking site reps who have maintained the main pathways, kept our sites looking their best and helping wherever required. We held a very successful Site Reps meeting in March, the first for 5 years and sharing mutual problems we produced some good ideas. We have started replacing some of our petrol mowers and strimmers with battery powered machines, but the charging problem persists where only our HQ site at Piggottshill has a mains electricity supply.

Harpenden Town Council has continued to support SHAGS with our annual grant and an annual maintenance budget of around £4000 plus some additional help from the Rangers with some of our larger tasks. The HTC annual inspection took place on 17th July and we received a good report on our stewardship of the sites. There has been improvement works carried out to the main driveway at AB with clearance of the overhanging bushes and the broken fencing removed. A manure compound has been constructed. At OR the stone embankment is due to be removed shortly. TW has a new machine shed.

The shop has continued to do good business throughout the Spring and Summer and our new shop manager, Steve Case has enthusiastically taken over and organised more computerised stock control systems to make ordering easier. For many years our seed potatoes have come from one long term supplier, but we received notification that the company was closing down in October, following the death of the proprietor. A new stockist has been found.

SHAGS is run entirely by volunteers, and we are always looking for new blood to join the committee. Currently we still are looking for a Vice Chairman to take over from Roger Glanville, who has been unwell and doesn't want the Chairman job when I give up. I have said I would like to relinquish the position next year after five years in the job as I will be approaching my 78th birthday. Any volunteers? Sadly, this year we lost 2 stalwart members, Pauline Payne in February and Irene Boogerman in May.

Thanks to all the hard work by the committee members and to all the potholders who have put on such a good show this summer.

Treasurer's Report

(Carole Pamphlett)

(See separate documents)

Letting's Secretary Report

(Alex Davis)

Across the 8 sites we have over 400 plots. We have 300 + plot holders and 40+ associate members (including honorary members).

As of the end of July we had 98.6% occupancy. There were 6 vacant plots across all 8 sites

21 New plot holders have joined in 2023.

Waiting list are consistent with last year. The Harpenden Rise waiting list is now at 20; this reflects the lack of allotment sites in north Harpenden and few plots becoming available at Harpenden Rise.

Most other sites now have no, or small, waiting lists. Churchfield, Harpenden Rise, Sibley Avenue and Top Stret Way are all fully let.

It is good to see that we continue to attract a wide variety of new plot holders. There is a common interest in growing their own produce and enjoying being outdoors. The sites also being peaceful places also seems to figure in new plot holders initial reactions.

Please continue to welcome and support our new plot holders.

Renewal Process

The Annual renewal process ran well this year. Thank you to all plot holders who responded so promptly to the renewal reminders.

The renewals bring in most of the society's annual revenue.

The overwhelming number of renewals are emailed out and many plot holders pay by bank transfer. This simplifies the administration of the process.

We continue to look at ways to improve the process so any suggestions or feedback welcome!

Machinery Manager's report

(Roger White)

Machinery Report

In the last year the Society has purchased more Stiga battery powered mowers and strimmers at a cost of just over £2000. These machines have been allocated to sites where Site reps have arranged charging of the batteries. Generally, these machines seem to be performing well and are providing plot holders with easy-to-use equipment to help them maintain the communal pathways between plots. A small number of petrol machines have been deemed uneconomic to repair and therefore taking out of use.

It was noted during the Council site inspection in July that HTC have moved entirely to battery powered equipment for use by their staff.

- The Plot So Far publication, Spring and Summer newsletters, minutes of meetings, seed potato descriptions, and general communications, including the 2023 AGM notification, have been added to the website as well as regular updates on the society shop called “Shop News”.
- Throughout the year there have been queries to the society from the website contact form. These have been passed onto society officers.
- Contact details for the committee members and site reps have been regularly updated on the website.
- Many email communications from site reps to their plot holders have been sent over the past year.
- The 2022 photo competition photos were collated and sent to the competition judges for choosing the winners in time for the awards ceremony. This was done co-working with Jane Keech.
- Photos of the 2022 awards ceremony winners at the awards ceremony were taken and put on the website. Photos of the Mayor at the awards event were sent to Jane Juby the Mayor’s secretary, for the Mayoral year book.
- The 2022 photo competition winning photos were put on the society website as well as the winners of the photo competition and the winner of the scarecrow competition, co-working with Jane Keech and Linda Gahagan.
- Plot holders have been requested to submit photographs for the 2023 photo competition. It was decided not to hold a 2023 scarecrow competition as few new scarecrows had been installed. This has been done co-working with Jane Keech.
- Unfortunately, this year we have had to add more of our former members to “ABSENT FRIENDS” on the society website.
- The Society website www.shallotments.weebly.com is still completely free to the society as well as the society email address shallotments@gmail.com

TRUSTEE, OFFICER & COMMITTEE REPORTS
AGM 2022

CHAIR'S REPORT – MIKE COBLEY

The Society has had another good year, with nearly 100% occupancy of our 400 plots available. The sites are looking better than ever due to the diligence of our plot holders and the continued hard work by our site reps.

Oakley Road has improved the most, overall, with Rod taking over as site rep, still assisted by Mike. Peter & Helen have stepped in temporarily at Sibley Avenue acting as site reps. New site reps have joined at Cross Lane, Rosie and Stephan taking over from Jenny and Dominic. Harpenden Rise has had the benefit of most of our 2022 maintenance and renewal budget this season. The site faced upheaval for several weeks when contractors needed access through the site for the renewal of the playground equipment next door and the plot holders have worked together setting up for the new larger shed. Even this caused problems with a neighbour complaining to HTC asking that the shed be moved as they could see it.

We are experiencing parking problems in the neighbourhood both at Harpenden Rise and also at Cross Lane. We will continue to press to get the barrier removed from the railway bridge and resited beyond our gateway to the site. This involves HTC initially, but then St Albans Council, Herts County Council and Network Rail. We need a new site rep for CF as Keith has wanted to step down for the last 2 years. At PH, our biggest site we have new additional site reps to be elected at the AGM - Rich, Rachel and Steve.

Another big expenditure in 2022 has been an upgrade in our machinery. After an initial purchase of a Stiga mulching mower last year, 3 new machines have been bought for CF, SA and TW. We have also bought new battery equipment, with 2 battery mowers and a battery strimmer. Recharging batteries now is added to the site reps' tasks.

The Society runs with the help of the Committee, and we are sorry that we will lose our Secretary following this AGM, so we wish Gill best wishes with her new role with Harpenden Trust. Carole has made a steady recovery after her accident last December but has found it hard work at times getting up and down stairs to her 'office'. With some planned alterations to her house due soon, things can only get better. Thanks are due to everyone on the Committee for their continued help running SHAGS for all our members

Our allotment shop remains a problem without a manager.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – GILL HICKS

We were pleased to be able to have in person committee meetings again from May 2021 and have held monthly or bi-monthly meetings since then. Minutes of the meetings are available on the S.H.A.G.S. website for members to view.

There has continued to be a steady number of requests for sheds and polytunnels on plots. Virtually all are approved but they come with conditions as per the rules. The rule change we propose this year relate to the approval of structures with the idea of streamlining the process and make it quicker for members to be given a decision, so hoping this won't be a contentious change.

I have regrettably had to resign as Secretary due to other voluntary roles I undertake with the Harpenden Trust, though I've agreed to stay on until the end of 2022 if no one comes forward prior to the AGM. Thanks to Mike for all his support whilst I've been Secretary and good luck going forward to everyone on the committee, I've enjoyed working with you all.

TREASURER'S REPORT – CAROLE PAMPHLETT
See following pages

SOUTH HARPENDEN ALLOTMENTS & GARDENS SOCIETY

Year End Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the Year Ending 31st December 2021

PAYMENTS	Year 2021		Year 2020	
Site/Shop Maintenance	£ 924.34		£ 653.33	
Site Improve/Projects	£ 1,550.00		£ 71.45	
Shop roof - part payment	n/a		£ 2,000.00	
Machinery Purchase	£ 890.80		Zero	
Machinery Maintenance/Service	£ 1,326.26		£ 1,688.92	
Machinery Fuel	£ 245.50		£ 271.21	
Sec/Admin	£ 448.91		£ 203.44	
Water Rates	£ 2,592.95		£ 2,893.04	
Rates	£ 824.44		£ 716.91	
Electricity	£ 317.20		£ 405.15	
Newsletter	n/a		n/a	
Insurance	£ 481.52		£ 481.52	
Health & Safety	£ 66.00		£ 120.00	
Society Awards	£ 264.66		£ 67.46	
Publicity/PR	£ 100.00		£ 105.00	
Donations			n/a	
Rent refunds	£ 75.00		£ 79.50	
Shop refunds	£ 221.70		£ 87.50	
Shop refunds outstanding	£ 96.00			
RHS	£ 35.00		£ 35.00	
Manure purchase	n/a		£ 300.00	
	£ 10,460.28	-£ 10,460.28	£ 10,179.43	-£ 10,179.43
RECEIPTS				
Harpden Town Council Grant	£ 3,180.00		£ 3,100.00	
Allotment Rents	£ 12,144.50		£ 11,782.60	
Associate Members	£ 171.50		£ 185.00	
Other Income			£ 60.00	
Manure income	£ 8.00		£ 418.00	
Donation from Members Shop	£ 500.00		£ 500.00	
Rent refunds			£ 30.00	
Shop refunds	£ 221.70		£ 92.50	
Contribution for shop roof	n/a		£ 900.00	
	£ 16,225.70	£ 16,225.70	£ 17,068.10	£ 17,068.10
Surplus for the year		£ 5,765.42		£ 6,888.67
Plus Balance b/fd from previous year				
S.H.A.G.S Monies	£ 18,887.85		£ 12,003.20	
Petty Cash	£ 37.91		£ 33.89	
	£ 18,925.76	£ 18,925.76	£ 12,037.09	£ 12,037.09
YEAR END TOTALS		£ 24,691.18		£ 18,925.76
MONIES HELD				
Balance in HSBC Bank at Year End				£ 18,887.85
	£ 24,657.77			
Petty Cash Held	£ 33.41			£ 37.91
YEAR END TOTALS	£ 24,691.18	£ 24,691.18		£ 18,925.76

The above figures were agreed by the committee at the July 2022 meeting
Carole Pamphlett - S.H.A.G.S.

<u>SOUTH HARPENDEN ALLOTMENTS & GARDENS SOCIETY</u>	
<u>Statement of Assets held in Harpenden Building Society</u>	
<u>Building and Contingency Fund</u>	
The Society maintains a ring-fenced figure to cover	
uninsurable assets such as the Committee Room, Shop and	
stock, plus machinery and sheds with all equipment stored in them.	£ 45,000.00
Contingency Fund	£ 4,000.00
Accrued net interest to 31/12/20	£ 2,702.31
	£ 51,702.31
Net interest for 2021	£ 51.70
	£ 51,754.01
<u>Treasurers report for the financial year 2021</u>	
Looking back to 2021, all our members tried hard to get back to normal. The year figures show an increase in allotment rents on the previous year, but on the whole our expenditure was higher from the year before as we had to cancel so many events due to the first Covid lockdown. The Society still remains in a strong financial, and we aim to purchase some new battery mowers in 2022 as we didn't buy any new machines in 2020 and only two mowers in 2021 as our machinery sheds had to close again due to the Covid restrictions. The new machines will benefit all of our plot holders from our eight sites.	
We continue to receive support from Harpenden Town Council, both in the form of an annual grant and a planned boundary management programme which HTC fund.	
Carole Pamphlett - S.H.A.G.S - Treasurer	
Independently examined - Jean Clare - see page 4	
Signed on behalf of the Trustees - Mike Cobley	

SOUTH HARPENDEN ALLOTMENTS & GARDENS SOCIETY**Members Club (Shop) 31st December 2021****Year End Receipts and Payments Accounts for 2021**

	Year 2021		Year 2020	
Income				
Sales to members		£ 11,812.87		£ 11,378.88
Expenditure				
Stock purchase	-£ 9,594.52		-£ 8,798.27	
Other expenditure	-£ 50.00		-£ 21.99	
	-£ 9,644.52	-£ 9,644.52	-£ 8,820.26	-£ 8,820.26
Trading Surplus		£ 2,168.35		£ 2,558.62
Donation paid to Society	n/a		-£ 500.00	
Roof repairs	n/a		-£ 1,160.00	
			-£ 1,660.00	-£ 1,660.00
		£ 2,168.35		£ 898.62
Balances brought forward				
Barclays Bank	£ 17,523.30		£ 16,374.24	
Cash In Hand	£ 175.97		£ 426.41	
	£ 17,699.27	£ 17,699.27	£ 16,800.65	£ 16,800.65
		£ 19,867.62		£ 17,699.27
Monies held as at 31/12/21				
Bal in Barclays Bank	£ 19,800.77		£ 17,523.30	
Cash in Hand	£ 66.85		£ 175.97	
	£ 19,867.62	£ 19,867.62	£ 17,699.27	£ 17,699.27

Profit and Loss Account	Year 2021		Year 2020	
Opening stock at sale value	-£ 6,393.90		£ 7,602.85	
Closing stock at sale value	£ 6,856.34		-£ 6,393.90	
Stock	£ 462.44	£ 462.44	£ 1,208.95	£ 1,208.95
Plus Trading surplus		£ 2,168.35		£ 2,558.62
Surplus		£ 2,630.79		£ 3,767.57
Less donation to S.H.A.G.S	n/a		-£ 500.00	
Less Roof repairs	n/a		-£ 1,160.00	
			-£ 1,660.00	-£ 1,660.00
Surplus for the year		£ 2,630.79		£ 2,107.57

During 2021 our shop continued to do well with your support, but sadly we had some bad news in the autumn of 2021 Roger Gillett our very long standing shop manager sadly passed away. A number of members from the society attended his funeral and we gave a donation to the Stroke Association which was at his family's request.

This unfortunately left us without a permanent shop manager, however we did have a volunteer come forward but unfortunately, he found it too much with his other work commitments. So currently, Mike, Fraser together with the Sunday morning ladies have been running our shop, but we desperately need a permanent shop manager.

SOUTH HARPENDEN ALLOTMENTS & GARDENS SOCIETY
Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of
South Harpenden Allotments and Gardens Society

I have examined the Receipts and Payments Accounts and Statement of Assets for the year ended 31st December 2021, prepared from the records maintained by the Society.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner.

The trustees of the Society are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. It is my responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on my examination of those financial statements and to report my opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

My examination includes evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

The examination was planned so as to obtain all the information and explanations which were considered necessary in order to provide sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance the financial statements are free from material misstatements, whether by fraud or other irregularities or error.

Opinion

In my opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Society's affairs for the year to 31st December 2021.

Jean Clare

July 2021

LETTING COORDINATOR AND DATABASE MANAGER'S REPORT – ALEX DAVIS & JIM MACHIN

Letting

Across the 8 sites we have over 400 plots. We have 300 + plot holders and 40+ associate members.

As of the end of July we have 98.6% occupancy. There were 6 vacant plots. 2 of these have new plot holders identified and we are just completing the paperwork.

Between October 2021 and July 2022, 34 plots have been re-let.

Waiting list are well down on last year's levels. Apart from Harpenden Rise, most sites now have no, or small waiting lists. The high level of waiting list due to Covid lockdown have reduced to more normal levels. The Harpenden Rise waiting list continues to grow. At the end of July there were 17 people on the list This reflects the lack of allotment sites in north Harpenden and few plots becoming available at Harpenden Rise.

As always, new plot holders are a varied bunch from all walks of life, ages and experience. There is a common interest in growing their own produce and enjoying being outdoors. They often express surprise at the size of the sites and how they appear to be 'tucked away' in different parts of Harpenden. There is a general enjoyment of the calm feel of the sites amid a busy town.

Please continue to welcome and support our new plot holders. It is always encouraging to see re-let plots producing a good harvest.

Lettings Process

Most of the current lettings are now done by emails. This has made administration and record keeping simpler.

SHOP REPORT - MIKE COBLEY

It has now been two years since Roger had his catastrophic stroke, but the shop has continued to be profitable despite the lack of a dedicated manager. We have funded the new roof, more recently a new water heater for washing up and new main doors are on order for the end of the summer along with similar work for the Ted Allen room. Next Spring the outside woodwork will require repainting.

In recent years the shop has made an annual donation to SHAGS funds of £500, but from this year this will be increased to £1000.

The shop operates entirely by the volunteers so many thanks to Fraser (who would be a great manager if anyone can persuade him!) and the Sunday helpers Helen and Peter, Diana, Gillian, Susan and Louise.

The shop is the heartbeat of SHAGS and during the pandemic was a focus point for unofficial committee meetings and social discourse. Unless we can find a Shop Manager soon, we may have to reconsider the viability of continuing operating our much loved shop so please help and fill the vacancy.

MACHINERY MANAGER'S REPORT – ROGER WHITE

This year has seen the reopening of the machinery sheds to allow the use of shared equipment.

The Society has faced two major problems with the use and maintenance of machinery: firstly the introduction of E10 fuel at garages in September 2021 and secondly the aging of our machinery stock. In addition, recent increases in fuel price combined with the need to use 'super unleaded'

E5 fuel and fuel stabiliser has made the cost of running the old petrol machines significantly higher.

The average lifespan of the machines provided by the Society to maintain the communal areas of the sites is about 5-8 years so in the spring of 2022 the Society decided to invest in two types of new machinery, namely some new petrol mulching mowers and some battery powered equipment manufactured by Stiga. The petrol mowers should hopefully last until at least 2030, by which time petrol equipment is expected to be phased out and the battery powered machines will be assessed to determine their suitability for grass cutting, particularly on the larger sites.

Current trials with the battery machines (brushcutter and mowers) are promising although until wetter conditions return it is impossible to be sure how robust and powerful these machines are. If used carefully battery machines are likely to have significantly lower maintenance costs, are lighter, quieter, and easier to use and it seems inevitable that battery powered equipment will become the main choice of machinery in the near future.

COMMUNICATION / WEB MASTER'S REPORT – ROD COOLEY

- “The plot so far”, newsletters, minutes of meetings, and general communications, including the 2022 AGM notification, have been added to the website as well as regular updates on the society shop called “Shop News”.
- Rule changes on allowable plot structures have been updated on the website using information supplied by Gill Hicks and the committee.
- Updated machinery fuel information has been added to the website.
- Contact details for the committee members and site reps have been regularly updated on the website thanks to information supplied by Gill Hicks.
- Newsletters and general communications have been emailed to all members.
- It has been a problem to send society messages to members with BT email accounts as they are sometimes rejected as SPAM (no fault of the members). Members with BT email accounts have been sent advice on how to avoid society messages going into their junk / SPAM folder.
- Many email communications from site reps to their plot holders have been sent over the past year.
- The Covid 19 policy has been continually updated and put on the website in accordance with changes in Government policy.
- The 2021 photo competition photos were collated and sent to the competition judges for choosing the winners in time for the awards ceremony. This was done co-working with Carole Pamphlett.
- Photos of the 2021 awards ceremony winners at the awards ceremony were taken and put on the website.
- The photo competition winning photos were put on the society website as well as the winners of the photo competition and the winner of the scarecrow competition, co-working with Carole Pamphlett.
- Plot holders have been requested to submit photographs for the 2022 photo competition. In addition, members have also been asked to take part in the 2022 scarecrow competition. This has been done co-working with Jane Keech.
- The Society website www.shallotments.weebly.com is still completely free to the society as well as the society email address shallotments@gmail.com.

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Gill Hicks

Honorary Secretary, S.H.A.G.S