

Hackney Allotment Society
Minutes of AGM held on Tuesday 7 October 2025
Church Rooms, St Mary's Church
Stoke Newington Church Street

Attendees:

Church Walk Kate Nash	Spring Hill Jon Fuller Kay Kante
Leaside Jack Eldon Hilaire Kerr	Spring lane Rowena Altheer Sarah Welsh
Queensdale Road Cara Phillip Phillip Turner	Overbury Julia Rockcliffe – Chair Jana Hasegawa – Secretary Jane Hough
St Kildas Marie McShea	Aden Terrace Nancy Korman – Honorary President Richard Kay Sue Kay Ian Burlan Betty Manning Jeff Manning Jennie Long Tim Maby Nathan Meadows Sue Carling Oliver and Sofia Crockton Hugh Naylor - Treasurer
Springdale Road Annie Wilson	

Apologies: Guy Dehn - Leaside
 Kerry Morgan - Overbury

2025 AGM

Julia opened the meeting by introducing the Trustees, Jana, Hugh and herself, as well as highlighting the open position of Vice Chair.

Tim Maby retired Journalist from Aden Terrace delivered a guest lecture on the history of Aden Terrace which will feature in the Autumn 25 newsletter too.

It was acknowledged that the HAS 50th anniversary will be in 2029 so we should actively collect stories around the history in the run up to this milestone.

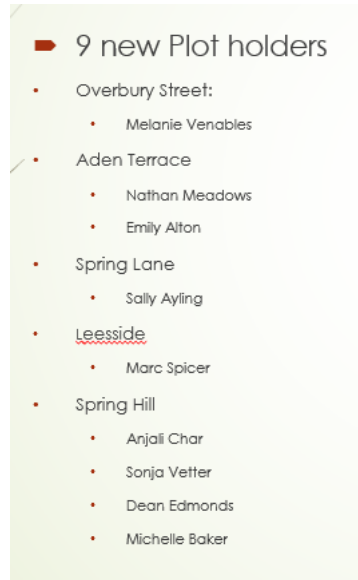
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1. Minutes of the 2024 AGM

These had been circulated with the notice of the AGM. As there were no objections these were approved.

2. Chair's report.

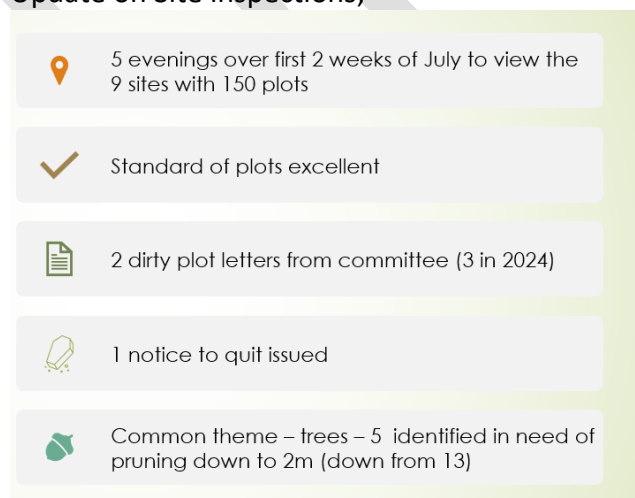
Julia welcomed 9 new plot holders and c 70 members on the waiting list.



HAS instagram account has 500 followers and our Whatsapp community has all sites signed up now.

During the year, 2 major repairs were undertaken. Gate Repairs in Aden Terrace and Communal Tree pollarding in Spring Hill

Update on Site inspections;



Members stated that the following grew well this year; Apples, Blackcurrants, Tomatoes, Courgettes despite a dry summer.

3. Treasurer's Report

Hugh reported that we are in good financial shape and that there was little change from last year in terms of balance, expenditure and revenue.

Its unlikely that we'll need to put up fees and they have remained the same for a long time.

Expenditure			
AGM & Social		£115	
Rent and water rates		£1,890.75	
Site expenses		£883.29	
Pollarding, etc		£1,380	
Insurance and affiliations		£157.81	
Website		£38.96	
Misc		£37	
Total			£4,502.81
Income			
Rent and membership		£5,144.75	
Interest		£300.42	
Donation		0	
Total			£5,445.17
Profit / (Loss)			£942.36
Balances			
Net balance as <u>at</u> 1 July 2024			£8,728.34
<u>Plus</u> income (ex-interest) less expenditure 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025			£641.94
Total balance as <u>at</u> 30 June 2025			£9,370.28
CCLA account			£6,627.73
Co-op account			£9,370.28
Total balance			£15,998.01

4. Proposed revised Tree Policy for bylaws

Members discussed pros and cons of proposed revised tree policy and no decision was made so the topic was parked.

5. Election of Vice chair

Julia reminded members that the position of the vice chair is currently open and encouraged members to put nominations forward.

6. Thanks to our site representatives

London E5

- Leaside Road 17 plots - entrance at west side of railway bridge over Leaside Road - site reps: **Jack Eldon, Guy Dehn**
- Overbury Street 11 plots - corner of Overbury Street and Rushmore Road - site rep: **Kerry Morgan**
- Spring Hill 43 plots - north west corner of sports field - site reps: **Heather Finlay, Laurence Sgroi**
- Spring Lane 18 plots - entrance on footpath at side of River Lea - ORGANIC - site rep: **Elsa Hamaz, Rowena**

London E8

- Queensbridge Road 2 plots - at rear of 362 Queensbridge Road - site rep: **Philip Turner**

London N16

- Aden Terrace 26 plots - entrance at north end of Clissold Crescent - site reps: **Susan and Richard Kay**
- Church Walk 8 plots - entrance at south end of Church Walk - site rep: **Kate Nash**
- St. Kilda's Road 4 plots, 1 raised bed - entrance at rear of 57 St Kilda's Road - site rep: **Marie McShea**
- Springdale Road 4 plots - entrance between 40 and 44 Springdale Road - ORGANIC - site rep: **Annie Wilson**

Special thanks to Guy Dehn and Heather Finlay who have stepped down this year as site representatives. Their input was hugely appreciated.

7. Best Plot awards

- Spring Lane
 - Eliza de Grey
- Leaside
 - Amy Miller
- Aden Terrace
 - Sofia Craxton
- Spring Hill
 - Marlis Scholz
- Overbury
 - Ann Leatherly
- Springdale road
 - Judy McGrail

Best Newcomer

- Springdale Road
 - Simon Andrew Cox
- Aden Terrace
 - Nathan Meadows

Most improved

- Spring Hill
 - Joe Beswick
 - Kate Tucker

Keenest Gardener

- St Kildas
 - Pat Cavanaugh

9. No Items were raised by members

No Actions were recorded.

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