

TIDBURY GREEN ALLOTMENTS – REPORT TO PARISH COUNCIL AGM 12TH MAY 2010

The Tidbury Green Parish Council allotment site was recently inherited from Hockley Heath Parish Council. It is situated in Wood Lane, Earlswood opposite the Craft Centre and consists of approximately four acres of land.

The site was first allocated for use as allotments 34 years ago when an Association of volunteers was formed to administer and maintain the facility. Originally, the site was divided into 20 plots each measuring approximately 90 by 30 feet but due to recent demand for allotments from local residents the Association decided to limit allocation to half plots only. Currently, the Association has a total of 32 plot holders and a waiting list of 12 persons. Unfortunately, the size of the site does not permit the provision of additional plots.

The Association has a Committee of 6 members which meets on an ad hoc basis and is responsible for the day to day running of the organisation. An Annual General Meeting is held each year in February to which Officers of the Parish Council are warmly invited. A copy of the Minutes is also placed with the Parish Council.

The costs for the operation and maintenance of the allotment site are met from charges made on each plot holder supplemented by additional funds raised by the Association through various fund raising events including a quiz night and annual vegetable show. The charges currently levied on plot holders consists of an initial one off returnable deposit of £10, plus annual half plot rent of £20. In addition, £1 pa is charged to each member to as an Association membership fee. The rent is halved for plot holders over the age of 60 years. The Association is affiliated to the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners and holds an insurance policy as recommended by the NSALG.

A copy is attached of the Association's Income and Expenditure Account for 2009 which was approved at the AGM on 7th January 2010.

Brian Wood
Secretary
5.5.10.