

ALLOTMENT SOCIETY REPORT

FOR TOWN COUNCIL A.G.M.

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Ten years ago next month on June 5th the inaugural meeting of interested parties in acquiring an allotment took place at the old town council offices. 13 excited people took up the challenge, a chairman, secretary and treasurer were appointed and Stalbridge Allotment Society was born.

We were then handed over a field full of weeds, nettles and brambles, viewed by some (including me) with consternation! However, with two members owning tractors and another with expertise in sports field management, work commenced. After clearing the field, it was ploughed at least 6 times before the earth was of an acceptable consistency.

Anyone who has owned one of the allotments for however long should be grateful to those 3 people Jerry Bastable, Keith Andrews and John Old for the inordinate amount of work they put in to get the allotments up and running.

13 allotments were then marked out and lots drawn to allocate a plot to each member.

10 years on and there have been many changes of ownership, some due to sadness but 5 of the stalwart attendees at that meeting are still working their land and enjoying all the benefits it gives. After a very wet, cold spring the allotments are at last bursting into life again and we sincerely hope they will be part of Stalbridge for many decades to come.

We would once again thank everyone on the Town Council for making them a reality with special thanks to Danny Hine for all her time and effort in helping us at the beginning and over the years.

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