

Westgate on Sea Horticultural Allotments Association

Information for members

The Association was formed some years ago to promote the interests of all members in their gardening activities and to take joint action for the benefit of members.

It is affiliated to the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners and the Royal Horticultural Society. Its main activities are providing a 'shop' for the purchase of fertilizers and other items, **the provision of public liability insurance cover, which is not covered by the Council insurance** and the distribution of seed catalogues from the National Association. Seeds can be purchased through this catalogue at a discount, as well as producing a small profit for the Association funds.

Membership subscription covers the affiliation fee to National Allotment Society and **public liability insurance**. Joint membership for couples working on one plot is available, with a reduction in fee for the second member.

The Association is run by a committee of officers. General meetings for members are held three times year, one of which is the Annual General Meeting in May where officers are voted in for the coming year. The other meetings may be social gatherings on the Association Plot(60A) and invitation to the winter members dinner ,collection of seed orders etc.

The Association has been important in the past when the site was at risk from a proposed housing development. Should the need arise again it is able, through its Constitution, to make representation to the Council.

Benefits of membership include purchase of fertilisers and other gardening commodities at the on-site 'shop', discounted seeds (catalogues available in August) and affiliated membership of the National Allotment Society (NSALG) and access to the communal association equipment and tools. Discount is also available at the garden centre in Broadstairs on production of your membership card.

The allotment 'shop' is open on Sundays from 10:00am to 12 noon from spring to autumn although, committee members are happy to open up on request at other times.

The site representatives for Westgate Council are Mara Longley, Plot 23. and Jose' Gibbs Plot 13. Speak to them if you have any queries about the overall administration of the site by the Council.

**If you need any further information, contact the Association Chairman Tony Whiting,
at Plot 20,or telephone 01843 833684**

Committee Members are:

Chairman – Tony Whiting Plot 19A/20

Secretary – Marianne Boniface Plot 16A

Treasurer – Keith Walters Plot 50

Norman Jones Plot 63

Mara Longley – Plot 23

Joy Whiting – Plot 19A/20

Tom King – Plot 47