

## 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 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 NSALG, RHS, and **public liability insurance**. Joint membership for couples working on one plot is available, with a reduction in fee for the second member. Membership to RHS allows the Association free entry to one RHS garden a year as well as access to a large number of guest speakers.

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 April where officers are voted in for the coming year. The other meetings may be talks on subjects of gardening interest/Seed Order Collection 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 Society and Royal Horticultural Society. Discount is also available at the garden centre in Westgate on production of your membership card.

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

The site representative for Thanet District Council is Ron Giles, Plot 43. Speak to Ron if you have any queries concerning the overall administration of the site by the Council.

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

Committee Members for 2016-2017 are:

Chairman – Norman Jones Plot 63

Mara Longley – Plot 23

Secretary – Tony Whiting Plot 20/55A

Eve Tennent – Plot 30A

Treasurer – Jez Tennent Plot 30A

Joy Whiting – Plot 20/55A