

KALGA Annual Report

The past 12 months have been good for our allotment association. We now have a settled site and the majority of plots are still with the original members.

The site has had a few vacancies during the year but demand for vacant plots has been buoyant and our membership secretary has been kept busy. At the time of writing we do have both half and full plots available but we are hopeful that these will be rented out soon.

We have been able to invest in a storage container thanks to a grant from SPARK and this is in constant use, keeping our communal tools and machinery safe.

Unfortunately we have been targeted by some thieves in the past and our members have lost tools and suffered damage to their sheds so we invested in CCTV that, together with appropriate signage, has deterred anyone from helping themselves over the past year.

However, the good news is that everyone had a good growing season and benefitted from fresh fruit and vegetables. We had a swap table installed for excess produce to be shared and this has been a big hit. For the coming year we are going to be working with a charity so that any surplus food can be donated and will be used.

Previously our site was a farmer's field and we have worked hard to maintain 2 paths on the site. However, it has been hard to stop these becoming unusable once we have had bad weather. We are hoping to be able to install a gravel path that will enable full use for most of the year. This will entail raising some funds and applying for grants. Hopefully we will be successful but any ideas or suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

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