

KALGA

Report for the Kesgrave Annual Town Meeting March 2022

2021

Overall, a good year for KALGA.

Demand for plots has exceeded supply and we have a full allotment site together with a waiting list. We were able to divide some full plots into half plots enabling more people to have an area of land to grow vegetables, fruit and flowers

Our committee was unable to meet face to face during the year for obvious reasons but, through the wonders of Zoom, we have held a few virtual meetings. Our future meetings will follow the Zoom route for the foreseeable future.

Due to the full capacity of the site and the fact that more people have had more time to spend on their plots, the overall site has never looked better. It is likely that the attendance rate will continue throughout 2022. We have planned working party days when structured site maintenance takes place by the members. The site is now of an age where there will be some larger items that will need replacing this year such as fencing and water troughs. We do not receive any regular funding and our income source is the plot rental from members therefore repairs will have to take place when we can afford them.

We had a stall at the Kesgrave Fun Day and, for the first time, we sold some plants and produce as well as helping some children to plant some seed in homemade pots. Overall we raised £43.00 for KALGA funds. This year we hope to do the same again but on a larger scale and we have asked our members for donations of plants, produce and even jams and pickles. Hopefully we will raise a lot more money.

We were approached by Heath Primary School about some of our members helping out in the school garden and passing on some of their knowledge to the children. This has started to happen and seems to be working well with the children asking when we are coming again. Hopefully they will have a bumper crop this year.

So that just leaves me to wish you all a prosperous gardening year and I hope that 2022 is a better year for everyone in every possible way.

Dave Steward
Chair