



Scruton Allotments Association

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Meeting Minutes Held at EGH Common Lane Scruton 21 January 2026

**ATTENDANCE: JOHN VICKERS, IAN POWELL, ELIZABETH DAVIES, MATT MCGUCKIN.
RICHARD ZEALLY, ANDREW CARTER
APOLOGIES ; JOE LOFTHOUSE**

Welcome	Comments	Action Points
1. Finance	<p>Surplus for 2025 was £850. £450 of this spent on memorial seat for Chris Snell. Treasurer reported</p> <p>Problems with insurers, Richard looking for new ones, more appropriate for what we now get involved with. Monthly Bank charge, £5.00, introduced, agreed to continue as they give us more than rivals</p> <p>Increasing Subs this year by £5.00 to cover increased field rental, Bank charge and anticipated increase in Insurance.</p> <p>Bank card for Andrew to be arranged</p>	Richard Dealing
2. AGM	<p>Due to external commitments Ian reluctantly stepping down as secretary, fortunately still wants and is willing to remain on the committee. Position to be discussed at the AGM date of which set for 20th Feb</p> <p>4 Officers now to be chair; Treasurer; Secretary; and Mkt/communication. Only two so far filled.</p> <p>Need ideas for Plaque for Chris's seat</p> <p>AGM specific meeting set for 7th Feb venue to be announced no need seen for all committee to attend</p> <p>Number of committee meetings to be cut to 6/7 two of which will be open to any member to attend</p>	All Committee to note
3. Gardening Talks	<p>Discussion took place regarding the future of gardening talks. Generally felt that if we are able to continue with income from Fest and fireworks</p>	All to note



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	along with developing Nursery then this should provide sufficient income in the future	
4. Fest and Firework night	Date for 2026 fest is currently set as 20th June and Fireworks for either 7 th or 14 th , nearest Saturday to remembrance. Planning should start ASAP	All to note
5. Allotment Nursery	Now between 50/60% cleared. Pumpkin plot 2025 successful with all fruits taken. Joe has upward of 150 tree cuttings grafted onto rootstock, a fair proportion of which are heritage varieties. Committee members suggested that veggies are grown for members use. Agreement given to purchase Polytunnel, initial budget of £250.00 allocated. Pumpkins to be grown again for 2026	JV and Matt to take forward
6. Work Parties	Following the successful work party day decided that they should be run over the first weekend of each month. Andrew C to talk with members at AGM	Andrew Carter to note and organise accordingly
7. Compost	An old carrot. To organise more loads from wherever. Andrew to distribute existing stocks when weather permits	All to note
8. Community Orchard	Close watching brief to be kept here as Solar farm is progressing at speed. Ian Powell volunteered to follow this through and update at each meeting. Agm to be informed.	Ian Powell
9. AOB	New more modern Constitution being drawn up by Richard which will ultimately impact on existing Plot Contract. Members to be informed at AGM Andrew now content to expand bees having almost 12 months experience under his belt	Richard Zealley Andrew Carter
10. Date of next meeting	27 March venue to be advised	17 th June venue TBC