

GROUND BREAKING!

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NEWSLETTER
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We'd like to welcome all new tenants to Low Moor and hope that your plots are productive. Do drop into the shop, not only for your supplies, but also to have a chat, get some advice and meet fellow tenants. Or why not get involved in one of our projects?

YACIO NEWS

The main news in this issue is all about YACIO. At the Annual General Meeting in March they reported on what has been a successful year and a half since they took over the administration of allotment sites from the council. Demand for allotments remains high in York, with 457 new applicants joining the waiting lists in 2018. 176 new tenancies were established, 37 of them at Low Moor.

Particularly good news is that there are surplus funds in the coffers. As a result, our voluntary Site Secretary, Christine Robertson, was recently invited to submit bids to fund projects and other work on the site. This has involved a fair amount of preparatory work and negotiation and we are very grateful to Christine for her efforts. At a recent Association committee meeting we considered all the offers. Some of the work will be fully funded, with no need for Association money or volunteer input. Three projects require us to match YACIO's funding, which the Association is able to do, but more importantly, they need commitment of time and effort from Association members – we need to get more of you involved to deliver these!

First of all, there's a plan to improve the old pétanque pitch by installing planters, creating a wildflower area and improving the seating, with the overall aim of creating an attractive communal area that everyone can enjoy. Jelena Kusakina has offered to lead this and is in the process of drawing up a plan and costings. As a bonus, YACIO contractors recently



cleared the site and it's currently covered with weed suppressant until we can get started.

Next up is a suggestion to provide hedging on the southern boundary (the end nearest the car park along the stray) where there is currently a gap. This is the border our intrepid band of hedgelayers has been working on over the past couple of winters and this would nicely finish off that work. Simon Wild has agreed to co-ordinate this one.

Finally there's a proposal to clear the areas around the bicycle rack and picnic table in the car park, replacing the grass with a hard surface. This is needed because the contractors can't properly mow the grass in these places, so it gets overgrown. We need someone to plan and lead this one.

In all cases we are looking for people to help with the work in any way they can. If you've got experience in the building trade, can advise on materials, knock up a planter or just want to work up a sweat doing the manual labour you'd be very welcome.

SKIPS ON SITE

YACIO have also agreed to provide three skips this year for the disposal of genuine allotment rubbish (NOT green waste or stuff brought from home!). We are going to try to book them for delivery on April 26th and May 31st, with the last one to come later in the year. Watch out for posters and emails to confirm these dates and with more information.

**LOW MOOR
ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Sunday June 2nd 2019
At 1pm outside the shop**

Agenda includes:

- ◆ Voluntary Site Secretary's Report
- ◆ Shop & Finance reports for 2018
- ◆ Nominations for officers & committee
- ◆ Ideas for site improvements/events!

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