

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 22nd APRIL 2021 - REPORTS

Stoke Holy Cross Fuel Allotment Trust
Registered Charity number 224383

Annual Report – Years 2019 – 2021

Meetings of Trustees

The Trustees as at 31st March 2021 were Julian Foster, Margaret Nudds, David Dobson, Nicholas Goodwin, and Rev. Rob Baker.

The Trustees last met (via Zoom) on Monday 15th March.

Grants/Finances

The Trust's income is generated from the rent of the land in Chandler Road/Carol Close, and earnings on the investment of a cash asset. Income in 2019/20 totalled £2,671.33, and in 2020/21 £2,104.73.

Applications for financial assistance were considered by Trustees in each year in accordance with the rules of the Trust, which include the requirements that applicants must (i) be residents of the parish, and (ii) be in “need, hardship, or distress”.

In 2019/20 a total of ten grants were approved, each for a sum of £200 making a total of £2,000, and in 2020/21 nine grants totalled £1,800.

Other items

- The Trust issues two leases for the land in Chandler Road/Carol Close. A new 10-year lease with the Parish Council covering the Children's Play Area is currently being finalised, and a new 5-year lease with the 'Dog Walkers' group was agreed in 2020.
- Trustees are always looking to extend the support that they can provide to those who need it, and ask that the Parish Council and others make them aware of anyone who might need their assistance.
- While remaining as a Nominative Trustee for the time being David Dobson is now standing down as the Trust's 'Chairman and Correspondent', and is handing over those responsibilities to fellow-Nominative Trustee Julian Foster.

David Dobson
On behalf of the Trustees

12th April 2021.

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ST. JOHN AMBULANCE STOKE HOLY CROSS DIVISION

Our final meeting was on the 10th March 2020. We had hoped to resume on the 12th January 2021 but circumstances prevented this.

As at 10th March we had 27 cadets and 8 badgers attending each week.

The badgers were led by Sarah Slark a student from UEA taking a nursing degree. They had completed Active, Communicate, First Aid and Performance badges. Three of the badgers have completed their Super Badger Award and are now eligible to join the cadets should they so wish.

The cadets are led by Jack Prior also from UEA taking a degree in medicine with an aim to be a doctor. He is assisted each week by Annika Abbott and at least 1 of 3 Adult helpers.

The cadets have completed proficiencies in Drill, We've Got Issues, That's Entertainment including Craft and Working Life. Since Lockdown some have completed Infectious Diseases, SJA Worldwide and Drug Education on line.

One of the cadets has achieved his Grand Prior Award but unfortunately this has not been presented to him as yet.

When we are able to return, and this will be determined by Head Office, we will be searching for another badger leader as Sarah has had to leave due to pressure of work. However, Jack will keep things running in the meantime.

Of course, numbers of attendance will be unsure as some will inevitably have left.

At the present time Jack is keeping things going online with badgers doing a Global badge and cadets First Aid which has to be done annually.

Margaret Peters
HR Unit Lead

2021 Allotment PC Summary

Ian Himpleman, Chair of the Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association

The Stoke Holy Cross Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association is celebrating its twelfth anniversary this year, and next year will be the twelfth anniversary of the Parish Council securing land for allotments in Stoke.

There are 19 full allotments in Stoke Holy Cross, some of these have been split into half plots and others are shared in order to maximise the number of people in the village who can have an allotment and also make it more attractive for people who don't have the time to manage a full plot.

The allotment holders represent a good cross section of the village with different backgrounds, ages and experience.

All the plots are currently occupied and we have 12 people on our waiting list, this is double what it was in 2019. Interest in the allotments continues to grow as residents have moved into the new developments in the village. Lockdown has also increased interest as open

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space and food security became hot topics and all the allotment holders appreciate how lucky we are.

It's likely that the people at the end of the waiting list will have to wait over 4 years to secure a plot. The Association would welcome the support of the Parish Council to secure more land to reduce the waiting list.

In 2019, following successful funding applications, the Association purchased their secure storage to store shared equipment on the allotments.

Sadly, another consequence of lockdown has been that our normally busy social calendar had to be paused, but at the moment we're hoping to hold our annual produce show in September.

The allotments will be open to visitors on 26th and 27th June. We welcome anyone to come and talk to us and see what the allotments are all about.

If you're interested in finding out more then please come and speak to me or any of the plot holders for more information.

Thank you