

Chairs report

This year has seen the establishment of the new committee structure agreed at the 2025 AGM, with day to day management devolved to 2 committees, and whole Association matters managed by a Committee of Management. Minutes of all meetings can be found on the website which acts as notice board, information hub and archive for the Association, as well as giving prospective members access to the waiting list. Thanks go to Paul Downes who has managed it on our behalf for the last 9 years, but who would welcome support from any one wanting to get involved or take it over completely.

Two policies were agreed and posted on the website this year. The first clarified the association's response to breaches of the tenancy agreement; the second ensured we were fully compliant with GDPR legislation.

Finances for the association continue to be healthy. Income from rents exceeded spending, and the balance in the bank now stands at just over £13,000. See the Treasurers report on the website for full details.

All sites have been well tenanted, though the waiting list continues to grow as demand increases in line with the national picture. Currently there are approximately 230 waiting for an allotment in Witney.

The Witney Town Council has supported the Association in several ways. Rachel Crouch continues to attend meetings to act as a go between for the Committees with the WTC. The council also financed the replacement of 3 sheds lost as a result of new fences on Newland, and the construction of 3 raised beds on the Lakeside site.

As in previous years, the smooth running of all parts of the Association was down to the work of volunteer members of the Committees, as well as any number of community volunteers working to keep the sites in good order. Thanks go to all of them.