



Flitwick Gardeners' Association

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 25th March 2023 - Spring Show
Thursday 20th April 2023 - Annual General Meeting
Saturday 19th August 2023 - Annual Show

Flitwick Gardeners' Association

We are an association run by members, for members. Our aim is to promote gardening in Flitwick and the surrounding villages.

We have a members' shop, The Seed Box, where we try to stock useful items including seeds, tools and chemicals at very competitive prices. We also have a library and a small range of loan equipment.

We run shows, organise an annual quiz and run the occasional trip to visit a garden. We're always pleased to welcome new members and always looking for help in running the Association and activities. We'd love to hear from you – just a few hours here and there would make all the difference.

How to find us

The Seed Box is situated behind the site of the old Flitwick Leisure Centre on Steppingley Road, MK45 1TH.

Construction of the new development on the Old Leisure Centre site has started, so temporary access to the Seed Box is now via the New Leisure Centre car park.

Seed box Opening Hours

Friday	Closed until further notice
Saturday	2.00 pm to 4.00 pm Feb to Nov (closed on Show Days)

Telephone

Outside of these hours you can always leave a message for us on the answering machine on **01525 717289**.

Email addresses

General enquiries etc.	enquiries@flitwickgardeners.co.uk
Magazine	newsletter@flitwickgardeners.co.uk
Show info and entries	fgashow@flitwickgardeners.co.uk

Website / Facebook address

Facebook Group	https://www.facebook.com/groups/flitwickgardeners
Website	www.flitwickgardeners.co.uk

Executive Committee

Colin Stennett	Secretary and Show Secretary
Jim Godden	Chairman
Leonie Coverley	Treasurer
J-P Carter	Deputy Chairman and Show Committee
Laurie Arnold	Seeds and Deputy Trading Coordinator
Kath Stennett	Membership Secretary and Show Committee
Ian Holman	Deputy Secretary and Show Committee
Alan & Carolyn Kirkdale	Magazine Editors
Ann Lutley	Publicity Officer
Sue Titchener	Seed Box Rota Coordinator
Daniel Doyle	Trading Secretary
Sue Livens	Trading Coordinator

Show Committee (not mentioned above)

Sonia Corfe

Honorary Life Members

Linda Pitts, Syd Pye, Maryan Pateman, J-P Carter, Jim Godden, Colin & Kath Stennett

Chit Chat from the Chair

Well we've had the winter I dream of, with plenty of good frosts to kill the bugs! Not a small amount of rain to fill the aquifers so we avoid hosepipe bans. Now I'm looking forward to filling the allotment, first with onions and broad beans, but later with a vast range of things to keep us independent of the vegetable counter in the supermarket. I wonder what surprises await this year?

This year I am going back to the traditional seed bed and transplanting method for as much as possible. Alongside that I'm going to try the direct sowing for a lot of things that I've always raised in my greenhouse and then planted out. I'll let you know how I'm getting on throughout the year in my chit chats'. I suspect the greatest effect will be that the first crops will be later than I'm used to.

After a gap of several years we are trying to organise a garden visit; hopefully on Sunday 21st May. Sorry to be rather unadventurous, but it is only to Shuttleworth and will be self-drive (potentially with a bit of car sharing). We are hoping for a guided tour of the Swiss Garden for 14 people. Any expressions of interest should be made via the FGA email address or at the Seed Box. More details will be available on FGA Facebook and Web site when this has been arranged. If we get sufficient support for the Shuttleworth trip, we will consider an autumn trip to Wisley, again probably self-drive with car sharing where possible to keep costs down!

Now it is time to get that scratched record out and appeal for more help for the FGA. We generally seem to have enough helpers for till and compost hauling to get by. Unfortunately since Christmas, three key holders temporarily (I hope) have had to step back, so we could do with at least one more key holder volunteer. If you have time and can assist us please see the key holder at the Seed Box any Saturday, or contact us via the website <http://www.flitwickgardeners.co.uk/> contact email address.

Don't forget that we will have our full set of shows, so start now to ensure you have something to put on those benches. There are classes for novices so please don't be shy we will all be willing to help you display your wares.

Not a lot is changing in our little FGA capsule so I'll finish there.

Great gardening in 2023.

Jim Godden
FGA Chairman

Don't forget to renew your membership.

If you have not already renewed your membership for 2023, please come along to the Seed Box to do so as soon as possible. You have until the AGM on 20th April to renew, after this date your membership will expire, and you will need to pay an additional £3 re-joining fee.

Kath Stennett Membership Secretary

Show Committee Report

After what seems a long time, we finally managed to stage all 3 shows in the year, as well as running the quiz. It was good to see so many of our regular exhibitors, as well as quite a lot of new people, putting entries into the shows. All of the shows had good numbers of exhibits and quite a lot of people coming to look around when we opened to the public and enjoying the homemade cakes that were on offer.

Our quiz in November seemed to be enjoyed by the 14 teams that took part with only one and a half points separating the top 3 teams at the end. The evening also raised £60 each for Keech and Flitwick Combined Charities.

Once again I'd like to thank those people who made all the events such a success, whether helping with the setting up, organising, making / serving refreshments and or entering.

We can always cater for more entries in the shows, more help with setting up or joining the Show Committee.

Colin Stennett
Show Secretary

2023 Spring Show

For this year's Spring Show, we've re-introduced two cookery classes which are:-
3 homemade Easter biscuits and 3 homemade Cupcakes decorated for Easter.
Why not give both classes a try.

Free onion sets

We will have at the Spring Show, and afterwards at the Seed Box, Onion sets for children to grow at home for exhibiting at the Annual Show. Make sure your children and grandchildren get theirs!

Colin Stennett
Show Secretary

2023 FGA AGM

We've been able to get a room at the Rufus Centre in which to hold our AGM, on Thursday 20th April 2023. It is not a meeting where we try to get everyone who attends to join the committee, unless you want to, but to keep all our members informed and you get a chance to ask the committee any questions you have. Therefore, please come along so that the committee are not the only ones attending!!

Colin Stennett
Secretary

2023 Annual Show Photography classes

The classes for the 2023 Annual Show on Saturday 19th August are:

103 A Bedfordshire Building	104 A Bedfordshire Landscape
105 Bedfordshire Water	106 Bedfordshire Life

The children's photography class will be a photograph of 'My favourite Bedfordshire place'.

RHS Garden entry – discount card

As part of our membership to the RHS we have been given a discount card for FGA members to get a 50% discount off entry for 2 adults to the RHS Bridgewater, Harlow Carr, Hyde Hall, Rosemoor and Wisley Gardens. The discount would not apply during flower shows or glow illumination events at these venues.

If you would like to make use of this discount then please send an email to the FGA enquiries email address, or call into the Seed box, stating when you would like the card. Members would be expected to pick the card up from the Seed box during normal Saturday opening times, after 3pm and return it there 7 days later, before 3pm. It will obviously be on a first-come-first-served basis for its allocation to members.

Colin Stennett
Secretary

Magazine Editor

Is anyone interested in taking on the role of FGA Magazine Editor? We produce 3 magazines and a Christmas Flyer each year. Articles for the magazine would be sent to you by email. You would proof read them and fit them into the magazine, then email it to a company that prints it for us in booklet form. Other volunteers distribute the magazines to our members. If you would like to know more, please contact us by email: -enquiries@flitwickgardeners.co.uk

Request for wood

The Seed Box is in need of some repair work to the barge boards.

Do you have any shiplap or tongue and groove wood, in good condition that you could donate?

Please contact us by Email - -enquiries@flitwickgardeners.co.uk

SPRING SHOW

Saturday 25th March 2023 at the Village Hall.

Staging of exhibits 12:30- 2pm

Judging 2 - 3pm

Public admitted 3pm – **No admission charge**

RULES

1. All classes are open to members of the Association, their partners and to their children or grandchildren who are 16 years or younger.
2. Entries can be made at the show when brought in for staging or **Email entries in advance to: FGASHOW@Flitwickgardeners.co.uk**
3. There will be no entry fee for exhibits.
4. **Each Exhibitor may enter up to 2 entries in any one class**
5. Classes 1 - 14, 17, 18, 21, 23, 25 and 27 to be shown as cut flowers in vases to be supplied by the FGA.
6. Entries for Classes 15, 16, 19, 20, 22, 24 and 26 to be shown as grown.
7. All exhibits in classes 1 to 25 (inclusive) and 27 must be grown by the exhibitor in their garden or allotment.
8. Pot Plants must be exhibited in terracotta or plain plastic type pots and for class 26 must have been in exhibitor's possession for at least 6 months.
9. **NO Exhibit should be removed from display until after the raffle has been completed** (approximately 16:00).

TROPHIES

- Flitwick Gardeners Association Spring Show – Best Vase in Show
- Flitwick Gardeners Association Spring Show – Best Bloom in Show

NARCISSI (DAFFODILS)

See end of schedule for further information on the classification of daffodils.

CLASS No. DIVISION 1 TRUMPET DAFFODIL CULTIVARS

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1 | One Bloom Yellow Petals |
| 2 | One Bloom White / Cream Petals |
| 3 | One Vase, Three Blooms of one Cultivar |

DIVISION 2 LARGE-CUPPED DAFFODIL CULTIVARS

- | | |
|---|--|
| 4 | One Bloom Yellow Petals |
| 5 | One Bloom White / Cream Petals |
| 6 | One Vase, Three Blooms of one Cultivar |

DIVISION 3 SMALL-CUPPED DAFFODIL CULTIVARS

- 7 One Bloom, any colour
8 One Vase, Three Blooms of one Cultivar

DIVISION 4 DOUBLE DAFFODIL CULTIVARS

- 9 One Bloom, any colour
10 One Vase, Three Blooms of one Cultivar

Multi-headed Daffodil Cultivar (e.g. Cheerfulness, Tete a Tete)

- 11 One Stem
12 One Vase of Three Stems of one Cultivar

Any Other Daffodil Cultivar not mentioned above

- 13 One Stem
14 One Vase of Three Stems of one Cultivar

Pot of Daffodil – from any of the Divisions

- 15 One Pot of Narcissi, any number of bulbs, one Cultivar (Pot not to exceed 300 mm (12 Inches) diameter)

CHILDRENS' BULB COMPETITION

- 16 One Pot of Narcissi (Daffodils)

TULIPS

- 17 One Bloom
18 One Vase, three Blooms of one Cultivar
19 One Pot of Tulips, any number of bulbs, one Cultivar (Pot not to exceed 300 mm (12 inches) diameter)

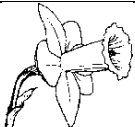

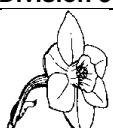

MISCELLANEOUS

- 20 One Pot of growing Polyanthus or Primula
21 One Stem of Hyacinth
22 One Pot of one or more Hyacinths
23 One Vase of Flowering Shrub of one or more varieties
24 One Pot of growing bulbs, excluding anything mentioned above.
25 One Vase of Mixed Flowers – at least 6 different types of flowers
26 Any Other Pot Plant (Flowering or Foliage)
27 One Vase of 4 stems of Daffodil from 4 different Divisions
28 One Decorated Hardboiled Egg (Children only)

COOKERY

- 29 Three Homemade Easter Biscuits
30 Three Homemade Cupcakes – decorated for Easter.

Horticultural classification of Daffodils

Division 1: Trumpet	
	<p>One flower to each stem. The cup or trumpet is as long or longer than the petals.</p> <p>Examples: Golden Harvest, Rembrandt</p>
Division 2: Large Cupped	
	<p>One flower to each stem. The cup or trumpet is more than one third but less than equal to the length of the petals.</p> <p>Examples: Armada, Carlton, Ceylon, Desdemona</p>
Division 3: Small Cupped	
	<p>One flower to each stem. The cup or trumpet is NOT more than one third the length of the petals.</p> <p>Examples: Angel, Barret Browning, Birma, Lemonade</p>
Division 4: Double	
	<p>One or more flowers per stem, with doubling of the petal segments or cup / trumpet or both.</p> <p>Examples: Acropolis, Golden Ducat, Unique</p>

ENTRY FORM

Flitwick Gardener's Association Spring Show Entry Form. Ring the classes you intend to enter (and put a '2' next to a class if you intend to put 2 entries in that class)

Members Name Membership No.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	29	30		

Spouse's Name

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	29	30		

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Thursday 20th April 2023
Rufus Centre, Steppingley Road, Flitwick
7.45pm**

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 22nd April 2022.
3. Chairman's Address.
4. Presentation of Annual Reports.
5. Presentation of the Financial Report.
6. Election of officers:-
 - a) Chairman
 - b) Treasurer
 - c) Secretary
 - d) Trading Officer
 - e) Executive Committee.
 - f) Sub-Committee Additional Members.
 - g) Honorary Auditor.
7. To consider the motion proposed by the Secretary and seconded by the Treasurer that the Annual Subscription, Joining Fee and Re-Joining Fee remain unchanged at £3.00 each and that the Surcharge to the Annual Subscription Fee where applied remains unchanged at £3
8. Report on the Future of the Seed box.
9. Any other business.

Nominations for the four Officer appointments are to be lodged at the Seed Box or with the Secretary, Colin Stennett, 10 Salisbury Road, Flitwick, Beds, MK45 1UD at least 21 days prior to the meeting.

Chairman's Report for FGA AGM 2023

How things change! The FGA now lives hidden behind the care home development; mind you, that does make us easier to find as we're just behind the tower crane on Steppingley Road.

As always I start by thanking all those who allow FGA to exist, whether they are officers, other committee members, helpers on Saturdays, or those who weigh up all the things we sell in bags. Without you all there would be no FGA! Thank you all on behalf of all the members of FGA.

Considering everything that is going on around us, we do not appear to have been too adversely affected, as shown in the financial results. My personal thanks to Leonie, our Treasurer, for presenting the best information on our monthly financial position for every committee meeting and annual accounts in plenty of time for this AGM.

There are, as always, jobs which have been done for many years by people who would now like to move on to other roles within the FGA or outside. Apparently there is a big wide world out there, even on a Saturday afternoon, as I have found out recently when I've managed to get some time away from the Seed Box. If you could join the committee, assist with the FGA website, become Editor of the newsletter (4 a year so not too arduous) or Membership Secretary please let us know.

Over the next year we are going to have to seriously consider where we are going with the FGA! We know we are staying at the Seed Box at its present site and we will be more accessible when the development of the care home is complete, or hopefully sooner. We will then have the potential to change our opening hours.

As we have said on many occasions, we do not expect to be allowed to sell peat based compost after this year. Any gardener seeing the cost of peat free compost, may be thinking about how they are going to garden in 2024 and beyond. Patios full of pot plants and bountiful large hanging baskets may become a thing of the past. It would be good to set up something so that we can make the journey to peat free gardening together and share experiences. Watch the magazine later in the year, but if you have any ideas please share them with us.

Overall I think 2022 was another successful year although the membership numbers continued to shrink. If you have neighbours who enjoy gardening, or know allotment holders who are not members, please recommend to them that they join us. Yes our annual fee has gone up to £3 (unless you have the magazine by post), as has the joining fee but you can recover the cost with our own packs alone.

Lastly, it is good that we are having an actual AGM again this year, Zoom is alright, but to meet the members away from the Seed Box is even better.
See you at the Rufus Centre, 20th April 2023.

Jim Godden
Chairman

AGM TRADING REPORT

2022 was another interesting year with the Seed Box being isolated from Steppingley Road by the Care home development. Thank goodness most of you have now managed to find us and continue to support us.

Trading was slightly down on previous years with Potato/onion sales continuing to dominate turnover. Having run out of most items of compost in 2021 we had two lorry loads of compost, which ensured plentiful availability, right to the end of the season. We also had a smaller delivery for 2023 to ensure minimal stock if Peat based compost sales are banned for 2024, as suggested by the Government.

The Seed Box would not exist without the till helpers, compost shifters and key holders. These volunteers turn up every Saturday to help you; our members, so please remember they are volunteers and treat them appropriately.

Finally, if you have any comments, questions, suggestions, etc. please see the key holder or contact us via the email address on the website. Once we know what they are, we can consider what action to take to address any comments.

Great Gardening
Jim Godden
FGA Temporary Trading Secretary

Treasurer's Report 2022

2022 has been a strong trading year for Flitwick Gardeners' Association, despite some difficult circumstances, so I'll begin with thanks to all members for your support, especially those who have volunteered in various capacities! It was a relief not to be up against Covid restrictions this year, but on the other hand we've battled high inflation and the squeeze on prices – it's been a juggle to cover costs while keeping selling prices as low as we can for members.

- Overall **Sales were up** (£20,100 this year vs £19,777 prior year), especially compost sales, which have increased steadily over the last few years.
- As mentioned above, **Purchase costs were significantly up** (£21,728 this year vs £15,389 prior year) due to high inflation. However, this also meant Year End stock value was high so the **Trading Surplus was slightly up on last year** (£4,434 this year vs £4,292 last year)
- Membership income was significantly up on last year (£836 this year vs £490 prior year), reflecting the fact that 2020 and 2021 membership was combined due to the enforced Covid closures, and the recent increase in membership to £3.
- In total, the **Net Surplus was £2,037 in 2022** (vs £1,638 prior year). This surplus helps provide much-needed funding to cover the ever-increasing cost base.

One area where we can expect to see higher costs in the future is for the Seed Box premises. Currently we are awaiting the Town Council to finalise the lease and invoice us accordingly for rent, so details are to be confirmed.

It was fabulous being back to the full gamut of Shows & Social events this year! This has given a financial boost to the FGA (surplus of £245 vs £50 prior year), a social boost to members (!)... and even a boost to the local community. The £174 profit from the FGA Quiz was shared equally with Keech Hospice and Flitwick Combined Charities – both are very worthwhile causes, and they really appreciated the support. Do let me know if you have any questions or comments. Many thanks,

Leonie Coverley
Treasurer

Flitwick Gardeners' Association
Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2022

2021 £	Expenditure	£	2022 £	2021 £	Income	£	2022 £
Trading Account							
15,389	Purchases	21,728		8,855	Sales: ~ General	8,233	
	- Plus Creditors - Current Year	-		1,931	~ Potatoes	1,994	
	- Less Creditors - Previous Year	- 21,728		1,202	~ Seeds	1,170	
(31,866)	Less Stock - Current Year	(38,052)		7,789	~ Compost	8,703	
31,642	Plus Stock - Previous Year	31,866		19,777			20,100
15,165		15,542			- Plus Debtors - Current Year		-
286	Trading Expenses	104			- Less Debtors - Previous Year		-
34	Trading Assets - Depreciation (see overleaf)	20					
4,292	Trading Surplus for Year	4,434					
19,777	TOTAL	20,100		19,777	TOTAL	20,100	

Income & Expenditure Account							
72	General Expenses	112		4,292	Trading Surplus	4,434	
175	Show & Social Expenses (see overleaf)	493		490	Membership Income	836	
	- Redecoration & Repairs	-		225	Show & Social Income (see overleaf)	738	
1,028	Rent (Inc. Amortisation) & Insurance	628		2	Other Income: ~ Bank Interest	21	
409	Magazines & Printing	806		45	~ Equipment Loans	4	
438	Fire Protection/Alarm Contract	444			- Cash Differences on Till (net)	66	
65	Affiliations	65					
468	Telephone	551					
10	Gratuities & Donations	205					
	- Sponsorship & Advertising	-					
712	Bank & PDQ Charges	758					
40	Cash Differences on Till (net)	-					
1,637	Net Income to Accumulated Fund	2,037					
5,054	TOTAL	6,099		5,054	TOTAL	6,099	

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2022							
	- Creditors	-		20	Fixed Assets	-	
69,088	Accumulated Fund B/F	70,725		31,866	Stock at Cost	38,052	
1,637	From Income & Expenditure Account	2,037			- Debtors	-	
				23,262	Cash at Bank ~ Current Account	14,167	
				15,310	~ Deposit Account	20,331	
				267	Cash in Hand	212	
70,725	TOTAL	72,762		70,725	TOTAL	72,762	

I confirm the above records are in agreement with the books and information supplied to me and reflect a true statement of the Association's affairs.

Flitwick Gardeners' Association
Notes to the Accounts - 2022

Trading Assets and Depreciation

<u>Item</u>	<u>Purchase Date</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Yrs</u>	<u>Previous</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Current</u>
			<u>Dep.</u>	<u>Dep.</u>	<u>Dep.</u>	<u>Value</u>
		£		£	£	£
Sack Truck	Mar-19	100	5	80	20	-
					<u>20</u>	<u>-</u>
Seed Box Lease	Sep-98	9,800	20	9,800		-
(Previous lease was amortised 1998 - 2017 and a new lease is pending action from Flitwick Town Council)						
Total Assets						<u>-</u>

Show and Social Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>		<u>Income</u>	
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£	£	£
Spring Show	-	95	-	146
Summer Show	171	204	222	198
Autumn Show	-	81	-	107
Quiz Night	-	113	-	287
Sundry	4	-	3	-
Totals	<u>175</u>	<u>493</u>	<u>225</u>	<u>738</u>
Net Profit			<u>50</u>	<u>245</u>

Bank Reconciliation

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
Current Account Statement	5,151	8,721
Less unrepresented Payments	(409)	(58)
Plus unrepresented Receipts	-	-
Less early payment received re: next year's trading	-	-
Add back early payment made re: next year's trading	19,520	5,504
	<u>23,262</u>	<u>14,167</u>
Business Savings Account	<u>15,310</u>	<u>20,331</u>

L Coverley 01.01.2023
Treasurer

Flitwick Gardeners' Association

RULES

As at 5th April, 2019

1.Name: The name of the Association shall be the Flitwick Gardeners' Association.

2.Objects: To promote the interests of gardeners and allotment holders and to take joint action for the benefit of members; To conduct negotiations in respect of land; To take such steps as may be required by the local Authority for the good management and cultivation of allotments; To protect members from damage, trespass and theft; To arrange for instruction, lectures, discussions, exhibitions, and competitions and to distribute literature pertaining to these objectives.

3.Members: The Association shall consist of persons who are resident within the Town of Flitwick and nearby towns and villages.

4.Fees and Subscriptions: There will be a joining fee for all new members and for lapsed members applying to re-join after membership has lapsed in accordance with Rule 5. Every member shall pay an annual subscription, payable in advance of the due date of January 1st. Members receiving the magazine by Royal Mail shall pay an annual surcharge. The amount of the joining fee and of the annual subscription and the surcharge shall be set annually by the Annual General Meeting.

5.Arrears: Any member who is three months in arrears with his subscription shall be deemed to have ceased to be a member unless explanation is given to the Committee in writing of extenuating circumstances.

6.Officers: The Officers shall be Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and Trading Secretary. All Officers shall be ex-officio members of the Executive Committee.

7.Committee: The affairs of the Association shall be conducted by an Executive Committee of not less than eight members. A quorum shall be of not less than five members. Vacancies arising may be filled by co-option on the authority of the Executive Committee. All members shall retire annually, and a fresh Committee be elected at each Annual General Meeting. Retiring members shall be eligible for re-election.

8.General Meetings: An Annual General Meeting shall be held during March or April each year. 14 days' notice shall be given, and a quorum shall be ten members. At the meeting shall be presented the Secretary's Report and a set of Examined Accounts and the Officers and Executive Committee Members elected for the coming year. The Financial Year shall be from the First of January until the Thirty-First of December. The Secretary shall have authority to convene an Extraordinary General Meeting at any time after giving the due notice, but he shall always do so if so requested by no less than ten general members in writing.

9. Discussions at Meetings: No party political or sectarian discussions shall be raised, or resolutions proposed, at any Committee, sub-committee or General Meeting of the Association.

10. Funds: The Committee shall open an account with a Bank selected by the Executive Committee in the name of the Flitwick Gardeners Association and all monies received from any source on behalf of the Association shall be passed through the Treasurer or his nominee to be paid into the account. Cheques shall be signed by two signatories authorised by the Executive Committee one of whom shall always be the Treasurer or his nominee. But cheques may be signed by one Officer below £100.

11. Association Accounts: The end of year accounts shall be examined by an examiner who is not a member of the Executive Committee and submit their report to the Annual General Meeting.

12. Affiliation: The Association shall affiliate itself to any suitable Group providing it is non-political or non-sectarian and shall pay such annual affiliation fees as may from time to time be prescribed. Nominees may be appointed to represent the Association at the various organisations as determined from time to time.

13. Offences: The Executive Committee may terminate the membership of a member whose conduct is proved to their satisfaction to be detrimental to the Association or to the interests of his/her fellow members. Any charge against a member must be communicated in writing. An appeal from a decision of the Executive Committee may be made to a Special General Meeting on the requisition in writing of three members to the Secretary who will convene an Extraordinary General Meeting as soon as possible to hear the appeal.

14. Conversion, Dissolution, Etc. The Association may be converted into a registered society, or may be dissolved, or these rules may be amended by a two-thirds majority of those present at a General Meeting convened with the due fourteen days' notice. The notice convening the General Meeting shall list the reason(s) for calling it.

15. Matters arising not covered by these Rules: Any matter not covered by the rules may be dealt with by the Executive Committee at its sole discretion.

Temporary Route to the Seed Box

Some members are still having difficulty in finding the Seed Box. Hopefully, this will help: -

- Drive into the leisure centre car park and keep right
- Follow the purple hoardings to the bottom of the car park, then turn right
- At the end, either park at the top of the allotments or (if collecting compost) turn right to the Seed Box.
- Please do not park on the access road.

