



Newsletter September 2025

42nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Thursday 6th November 2025 - 7pm start

This year will be the 42nd Annual General Meeting for the Marlow Allotments Association, throughout this time the Association has been helping & supporting members & tenants at both sites.

The AGM will be held in The New Hall in the Pugin Rooms, St Peter's Church, the best entrance into this hall is at the rear of the building by the car park, the double doors will be open approx. 6.40pm, and the meeting starts 7pm. Upon arrival please would those attending ensure their names are given to the volunteers on the attendance register inside the entrance, attached is our Official Invite to this event.

Anyone wishing to view the minutes from the AGM held last year please contact Sylvia or refer to the website. Please would those unable to attend send apologies to Sylvia, which will be reported by her at the AGM. Please supply details of any complex questions to be put forward under AOB to Sylvia, in order for the facts to be researched and responses prepared for the meeting.

Incoming Committee

The new Committee will be elected at the AGM voted in by the Members present, their details along with the names of their Proposers and Seconders are on the attached invite addressed to all tenants. Committee Members can have several roles, but perhaps most importantly is staying aware of any matters for concern at either site, and ensuring that the Council is informed. The Committee attend regular meetings each year to discuss on-going issues, plus new ideas & plans for projects and events, they also meet with Marlow Town Council Officers and Councillors periodically to discuss allotment matters.

If an MAA member would like to be part of the New Incoming Committee, please contact Sylvia at least 7 days before the AGM, we welcome any new ideas and fresh suggestions from a new Committee Member.

We remain vigilant and are prepared to oppose any threat to either of the Allotment Sites.

BONFIRES!!!

Bonfires are not allowed on the allotment sites.

However, as a result of a request to the Council from MAA, the Council have agreed a concession to allow small fires in incinerators, from 15.11.25 to 31.12.2025 to burn only dry garden waste, if there is persistent rain the Council will extend this period.

Please ensure that only dry matter is burned (no wet leaves etc) no manmade material and no excessive smoke is emitted. MAA has some incinerators which tenants can use if they wish, please contact Sylvia who is organising a rota.

Volunteers at AGM

Volunteers are needed to help with setting up of tables and chairs etc. prior to the AGM, please would those able to assist with this contact Sylvia. Thank you

AGM Raffle

A raffle will be held with a selection of prizes to be won the tickets will cost £1.00 each and the proceeds will go to the MAA fighting fund.

Any donations towards the prizes will be gratefully accepted, please contact Sylvia, thank you.

MAA Events

Two plant stands were held this year and both were a huge success. Plus, another splendid & well attended Dahlia talk was held at Foxes Piece on 16th August, by our expert Richard Bailey, who, as always, gives easy to follow, invaluable advice & information on gardening techniques.

Winter Work Party – Plot Marking

Please contact Sylvia to join the Winter Work party on both sites this winter, we shall be assisting the Council with the huge task of placing numbered marker posts on each plot, thank you.

Membership 2025 to 2026

Attached is the membership form for the New Year (2025 to 2026), the fee of £5.00 per member remains unchanged. Each member of MAA is automatically a member of NAS, who now advise us that, in accordance with current legislation, they are required to record members' name and address. NAS also require the members' email address to enable the MAA member to log onto the NAS website.

MAA membership can be paid either at the AGM in cash or by bank transfer to the MAA bank account: The Marlow Allotments Association, Sort Code: 40 32 19, A/c: 4146 0919.

Badgers at Hanging Hill

After the school organised some professional inspections of the badger habitat in the school grounds, it has been decided that the badger colony within the grounds of St Peters School will not be relocated, as they do not pose a threat or health hazard to the children, staff or parents. The Badger Society plan to give a presentation about badgers on 17th October, the start time is yet to be confirmed, and the school have offered their main hall.

Please would those that would like to be added to the attendance list & have not already done so, contact Sylvia.

Donated Tools

MAA has accumulated donations of a variety of second-hand tools, these are offered to members for a small donation to the Association, which can be paid in cash or by bank transfer. A small selection will be available at the AGM. If any tenant has any surplus tools that can be donated to MAA, please contact Sylvia.

Seed Scheme

Catalogues from Kings Seeds 2026 hard copies will be available at the AGM, or members can download their digital catalogue. There is a huge selection of items covering all gardening needs, competitively priced and of a high quality, MAA receive a discount for each order submitted.

Please contact our Treasurer & Seed Secretary: marentalbot@outlook.com who can supply online registration & instructions or if preferred, a paper order form – please send to Maren in the envelope provided, payment in cash or by bank transfer to: The Marlow Allotments Association Sort Code: 40 32 19, Account Number: 4146 0919

Allotment Competitions

The Council will announce at the AGM details of Allotment Competitions for 2026.

Review of trees & large shrubs

The trees and large shrubs on both sites are reviewed on a regular basis, inspections on both sites are planned for 2026, priority for work will be given to any trees or large shrubs considered to be dangerous, excluding trees on individual plots. Please report any matters of concern to either Denise 01628 483192 or to MTC, email: office@marlow-tc.gov.uk, thank you.

Website Updates

Please send Sylvia details of allotment matters, perhaps an article of interest, maybe about unusual crop grown or before & after photos with a small write up, thank you.

Newsletters by e-mail

Almost 300 tenants now have their Newsletters delivered electronically, which leaves 10 newsletters that are delivered by hand.

A big THANK YOU to the volunteers who do this. If any tenant on the delivery list would like to receive the newsletter via email, plus periodic updates relating to allotment matters, please contact Sylvia.

New Committee Members

Any Association member is welcome to join the Committee and contribute to Allotment matters and decisions regarding both sites.

Please contact any Committee Member for more information.

Tree Pruning

Our local tree surgeon Robin, of New Leaf Tree Surgeons, plans to visit both sites in Spring 2025, demonstrating and advising tenants with the pruning, trimming and general maintenance of fruit trees.

We all appreciated and thank Robin for taking the time to do this for us out of his busy work schedule.

Woodchips

There now Woodchip Bays in the Foxes Piece Site, and at Hanging Hill. Thank you to the volunteers who have organised and constructed these.

The woodchips are delivered to the bays on both sites and are available for all tenants to use on their allotment plot. Please note that only one local tree surgeon, New Leaf Tree Surgeons, are authorised to access the sites to deliver these. **No unauthorised persons or vehicles are allowed on either site for any deliveries, unless accompanied by a Tenant.**