

Allotment Secretary's Report 2021-2022:

Dear Members

- Firstly – apologies that we were unable to hold an AGM in person last year, but at least we managed to meet virtually using Zoom.
- From memory, 2021 was a good year overall, productive and with a helpful committee with good representation from both sites. We managed to hold a few social events, which were well organised and well-attended – thanks to all involved in organising them.
- Thankfully, we experienced our first winter for some years without the problems of flooding. Despite limited recent local wrangles, I still believe that the planned Oxford Flood Alleviation scheme will, when finished, offer some degree of protection.
- The revamped website, and active WhatsApp groups on both sites, continue to provide members with information and resources – many thanks to all those who have contributed items of interest. If there are any improvements you would like to see please let us know.
- As a member of ODFAA I have been involved in several Fed activities including the process of renegotiating our lease with Oxford City Council which is now over-due for renewal. Your secretary is also Co-Chair of O&DFAA and has been heavily involved in the process by which allotment associations across Oxford are considering a change to cooperative status.
- As the Treasurer will confirm shortly, we continue to operate on a stable financial footing and now have sufficient reserves to cope with whatever the future throws at us.
- As Secretary, I was planning to stand down as I had hoped that we would have completed the 21-year lease discussions with Oxford City Council and the process of moving us to a Cooperative status. Neither of these are complete and therefore I am willing to stand again this year for what will be my final year.