

Milnathort and Kinross Allotments Association

SCO44354

Chairman's statement to the 2020 AGM, held virtually.
Wednesday 12th May 2021.

Due to the lockdown, which commenced on 23rd March 2020, and the many rules and guidance notes sent out to control the COVID 19 outbreak, the Allotment Association has had to adapt to the changing conditions over the last period.

Whilst all of the plots had renewed or new tenancies, many of our outside experiences with the public were removed and we did not have any fundraising activities in the year. This included our normal appearances at Kinross Markets or our on-site fundraising day. All member group activities were suspended, and we did not manage to complete any of our planned activities within the community gardens nor complete painting of the sheds or repairs to the polytunnel. Some repairs were carried out on damaged fencing and broken posts, but this tended to be done by members and their immediate family or later in the year when 2 people could meet outside with social distancing.

The membership list continues to grow, and we now have a considerable number of people waiting for plots. Additional starter plots are planned for the community gardens to help to meet this potential and also to remove the need for existing members to devote time and energy in maintaining this area. The raised beds were planted out with donations of plants and plants which did not go onto any of the fundraising events.

Damage sustained on the trees in orchard has meant that many of the trees have now been removed and the board have determined that no charges will be levied on trees in this area going forwards.

Looking forward to 2021 we can only hope that the recent resurgence in people realising those outdoor activities and the social and mental benefits of being in green spaces and taking any form of activity while meeting and talking to like-minded people is maintained and enhanced.