

Canalside Allotment Society

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Canalside Allotment site has 19 plot holders with a mix of half and full size plots.

Following operating cost changes proposed by Warwick Town Council in 2021, resulting in significantly increased plot rents, WTC proposed that Canalside Allotments could be administered as a Society rather than directly by WTC to keep rents lower. During February 2021 WTC provided a three year financial plan.

A March 2021 Canalside plot holders meeting agreed to establish **Canalside Allotment Society** with four committee members, wherever possible use email to reduce costs and also verify plot holders contact details and contact preferences. The Committee also set up a bank account to manage funds.

WTC agreed to the use of the Court House as the **Canalside Allotment Society** mailing address and in March 2022 provided grant of £851 to help with set up costs.

In June Plot holders were notified of WTC transfer to Canalside Allotment Society with a weatherproof noticeboard being put up to improve on-site communication.

CAS joined the National Allotment Society on behalf of all the plot holders and affiliates with Society insurance arranged through a specialist insurance company.

Taking advice from the NAS mentor and PEAS representatives CAS specific site guidelines (rules) were developed.

The Committee developed and announced a fair process for keeping plots well maintained and under cultivation and in September 2022 carried out the first Inspection of all plots. Three plot improvement requests were made. Two plot holders confirmed that they had found allotments too time consuming and handed back plots. The third satisfactorily improved the plot.

The transferred WTC waiting list for Canalside was verified in a joint exercise with WTC which resulted in filling the two vacant plots.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) compliant new applicant requests **to Canalside Allotment Society and** existing plot holder agreements **were developed.**

The December **Canalside Allotment Society** AGM approved 2023 rents and payment methods.