



## Request

1. Can Wigan Council please forward me all written (letters/documents) and all email communications between Wigan Council and the Fir Tree Allotment Association and vice-versa between the period 1st October 25 until the present date (up to the date the FOI request is completed) - by the time the FOI request is completed and/or up to the 28th Feb 26 or whichever date is earlier.
2. Can Wigan Council also send me all correspondence (letters/emails etc) between Wigan Council and Douglas Valley Communities and vice-versa including to Gemma Atkinson from Douglas Valley Communities regarding the Fir Tree Allotment Association from 1st October 25 to the present date.

For the avoidance of doubt, I require all correspondence and communications from the organisations Fir Tree Allotment Association, Douglas Valley Communities and Wigan Council regarding Fir Tree Allotment Association for the period as requested, which includes anyone acting on behalf of any of the relevant organisation in those communications.

## Response

Please see attached PDF containing all communications between Fir Tree Allotment Association and Wigan Council with personal identifiable data redacted.

Please see attached PDFs containing all communications between Wigan Council and DVC and vice versa with personal identifiable data redacted.

**Subject:** FW: Fir Tree Allotment Association - Issues raised

**From:** fir tree <firtree\_allotments@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** 31 January 2026 12:44  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** [Redacted] [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Fir Tree Allotment Association - Issues raised

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FAQ: [Redacted]

Please see below the list of issues raised by yourself in various emails over the past few months. We have done our best to capture your concerns, questions and issues and have put together a list which is manageable to work through and provide resolutions and results.

Please check the database and if you feel we have missed any points please provide these in a simple bullet point format and reply to this email so we can update our database.

We note there are many different requests with many different deadlines, we want to assure you we will be working through the below list and will be in touch at our earliest opportunity. We may not meet your requested deadlines as we need to seek advice from various departments to ensure our responses are accurate.

We will be in touch soon and we appreciate your patience during this time.

Kind regards

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24 September 2025	[Redacted]	Hand delivered - plot	<p><b>Oak trees:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. "What are the proposed works?"</li> <li>2. "Who is paying for such work as I am in no doubt the costs will be significant?"</li> <li>3. "If this proposal is pursued is then the Association not setting a precedent in that if you are pursuing work in one location then why not in another?"</li> </ol>	<p><b>Action Taken</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Works have been assessed by both the Council and recognised Tree Surgeons are affiliated with Wigan Borough. The work to be completed is yet to be decided.</li> <li>2. This is yet to be determined.</li> <li>3. The Committee for Fir Tree Allotment Association will review any requests for maintenance and decisions will be made as a Committee as to what will take this may mean seeking advice from the Council (Our Landlord) to reach a fair correct decision. Any funding involved if coming from The Association funds will be decided as a Committee.</li> </ol>
10 October 2025	[Redacted]	Hand delivered - plot Personal email	<p><b>Constitution:</b></p> <p>"The document is <u>not</u> in the cabin"</p> <p>"The Societies constitution is not On the community cabin wall or anywhere in the cabin."</p>	<p>Email sent to [Redacted] on 10 October 2025 @ 20.59hrs</p> <p>Email advised the Association's Constitution and the list of Emergency Contacts both fallen off the wall where they were pinned and were on the floor behind the bookcase. Both were re-pinned to the wall for viewing.</p>
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05 December 2025	Fir Tree Allotments cc: [Redacted]	Email	<b>Request for resignation of [Redacted] and [Redacted]</b>	The [Redacted] and [Redacted] will not be resigning and will continue to r the full support of the committee.
08 December 2025	Fir Tree Allotments cc: [Redacted]	Email	<b>Request for the following:</b> 1. The full names of the Trustees? 2. The full address of the Fir Tree Allotment Association? 3. What actions Is Wigan Council undertaking to ensure that allotment holders at this site are not being put at legal risk because of the actions of the officers who have and are deliberately	At this stage we have not responded to this email - we are seeking advice from Council, DVC, the NAAS and independent legal advice.  We will respond when we are in a position to do so.

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09 December 2025	Fir Tree Allotments cc: [Redacted]	Email	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Society is breaching its lease agreement.</li> <li>2. The Society has failed to pay rent to Wigan Council for many years.</li> <li>3. The Society is trading which is forbidden.</li> <li>4. The Society has failed to pay any Corporation Tax that is due for many years and is not listed at Companies House.</li> <li>5. The Society is not abiding by its own constitution.</li> <li>6. The Society has failed to provide me with the Societies audited accounts.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We are aware by breaching the constitution we also breaching the lease agreement. Now this has been brought to our attention we are taking all the relevant steps in the support of the Council and DVC to ensure we are in the best position possible. We will full fill all of our responsibilities in line with the constitution, lease agreement and policies - this is a work in progress and most certainly an education piece for the Council involved. We thank you for highlighting our errors and we can assure we are taking things very seriously.</li> <li>2. See above.</li> <li>3. Legal advice is being sought from the appropriate bodies.</li> <li>4. Legal advice is being sought from the appropriate bodies.</li> <li>5. Agreed, see previous comments.</li> <li>6. The [Redacted] at this stage refuses to share the accounts.</li> </ol>
29 December 2025	Fir Tree Allotments cc: [Redacted]	Email	Request for Fir Tree Allotment Association accounts	The Treasurer at this stage refuses to share the accounts.
14 January 2026	[Redacted] (DVC) [Redacted] Secretary - [Redacted] [Redacted]	Meeting @ Community Centre, Church Lane Lowton	Meeting arranged to allow [Redacted] to scrutinise the accounts for the Association.	Verbal consent received that all was in order.

14 January 2026	Fir Tree Allotments cc:[Redacted]	Email	<p><b>Email received confirming:</b></p> <p>"The [Redacted] in the presence of DVC, confirmed an updated and accurate financial statement in writing will be presented to all members at the EGM on the 8th Feb 2026 outlining what the Society owns. Therefore, I am satisfied with the actions and information now provided. Once and if this is done, I will be giving my plot up. I have informed the [Redacted] in his presence that I will be resigning my plot on principle. He was informed I do not want to be associated with the deception and mismanagement led by him and the Association."</p>	Secretary communicated this update to the committee.
20 January 2026	Fir Tree Allotments cc: [Redacted]	Email	<p><b>Questions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. "Confirmation of the total amount of Cash held by the officers not banked as of 14 January 2026. [Redacted] said it was none. Please confirm this."</li> <li>2. "Total value of sales from the societies shop for the 2025 season (March-October 2025)."</li> <li>3. "Whatever this figure is please provide me the evidence where this money has gone?"</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There is no cash held by any officer at home.</li> <li>2. These figures were made available to [Redacted] on 14 January 2026 and confirmed all was in order.</li> <li>3. The accounts show that all monies have been banked.</li> </ol>

20 January 2026	Fir Tree Allotments cc: [Redacted]	Email	Wreath making workshop advertisement 1. "How much was raised by the Society for these events?"	1. The workshop which took place was independantly arranged by one of our holders with committee consent to use the community cabin. The attendees holders and not the general public. There were donations made to the organi help cover the cost of materials. There were no profits from this event.
22 January 2026	Fir Tree Allotments cc: [Redacted]	Email	Formal complaint	We acknowledge your complaint. We take allegations of this nature very seri are taking steps to obtain the correct Complaints policy to which we as an As: should be following when we receive an official complaint. We appreciate thi sensitive subject and we will handle it with care and sensitivity. We would ap your patience whilst we link in with the Council and DVC to obtain this docum can then review how we move forward.
29 January 2026	Fir Tree Allotments cc: [Redacted]	Email	Email regarding preference for communications: "I am writing to ensure as I have previously communicated all correspondence regarding my allotment must be sent to me via this email address or to my home address which you hold."	We acknowledge your email and can confirm all correspondance will be email requested, nothing will be placed on your shed.
30 January 2026	Fir Tree Allotments cc: [Redacted]	Email	Email summarising all outstanding issues, advises deadline of 2 February 2026.	We feel all of the points in this email are captured above. If we have missed a we would like to apologise and request you list any additional questions/actic bullet point form, please keep the list as simple as possible. We are feeling q overwhelmed with the volume of emails and duplication that we feel this dat better way for us to see what actions are outstanding and work towards ansy resolutions for everyone for involved.
31 January 2026	Fir Tree Allotments cc: [Redacted]	Email	EGM - 8 February 2026	We can confirm this is being cancelled. The reason this is being cancelled is di correct steps not being followed which you have highlighted to us, we thank bringing this to our attention. This is being communicated to all plot holders : committee members this weekend by the [Redacted].

**From:** fir tree <firtree\_allotments@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** 02 February 2026 14:40  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** [Redacted]; [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: Fir Tree Allotment Association - Issues raised

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Good afternoon

We are reaching out to you following the receipt of two further emails.

The volume of emails is extremely overwhelming, it is taking a lot of time to read every email.

The reason we compiled the database is to bullet point all your queries so these are in a manageable order.

The database has been updated to include some extra points from emails received 31 January and also today, 2 February.

We need time to complete our investigations and checks. Once complete we will provide you with answers to each outstanding item. We to complete within 21 days.

**To allow us time to carry out our checks we request you do not send any further emails for 21 days. The mailbox will not be monitored during this time.**

We will be in touch within 21 days.

[Redacted]Fir Tree Allotment Association

From: [Redacted]>

Sent: 02 February 2026 11:52

To: fir tree <[firmtree\\_allotments@outlook.com](mailto:firmtree_allotments@outlook.com)>

Cc: [Redacted]; [Redacted]

Subject: Re: Fir Tree Allotment Association - Issues raised

Dear Fir Tree Allotment Association,

In order to assist the Association and for the avoidance of doubt :-

The Annual General Meeting for 2025 needs to be convened as soon as possible. All members need to be informed of the reason why the meeting is being reconvened. It is important that the meeting is an Annual General Meeting not a Special General Meeting and the normal business of the AGM needs to be dealt with. I will allow the Association 28 days to receive official notification of this in due course. I am trying to be helpful with the timeline.

The Society has not produced correctly audited accounts that complies with the constitution. The so-called accounts period ending 30/08/25 (attached) are false. This must be understood by the officers and the committee. This fact is non-negotiable. If you wish me to explain why they are false, I am happy to do so again, but please refer to previous correspondence on this matter.

However, I wish to politely advise in the strongest possible manner to emphasise the importance of complying with the law, I will not accept under any circumstances a falsification of accounts for a second time and action by me will be taken without notice and I would be right to do so in the circumstances the Association has allowed itself to be put in.

I have already strongly advised the Association to appoint an accountant or a retired accountant for this purpose and the reasons why. I cannot emphasise this enough and I accept I cannot force the Association to comply within the boundaries of the Associations governance procedures. This means a falsification of Accounts for a second time will result in firm and decisive action by me. I am not prepared to risk the Association and it's members legally any further on this matter.

I cannot be any clearer on this point.

In relation to the Associations compliance with the Tax authorities. All advice should have been taken by the expiry date 31st Jan 26 which has now passed for this year. For previous years it is far too late.

To remind you the Association should have been registered with Companies House a very long time ago.

Please provide me at the earliest opportunity, copies of the Societies warnings and evictions notices that are to be used that contains the Association's official postal address.

Can I have copies of these within 14 days and please ensure copies are sent to Wigan Council to ensure compliance with the law. Wigan Council is aware as I have brought it to their attention, that the Association is acting unlawfully regarding this matter.

The response below is incorrect. The Societies official postal address has never been incorporated within these warning and eviction notices.

Of course, I will await your advice and guidance regarding my formal complaint. I will refrain from attending the allotment site until I hear from you in due course and your guidance. I will make very brief visits to ensure my belongings are safe but this will be done in a manner to avoid potential confrontations.

Yours Sincerely

[Redacted]

On Saturday, 31 January 2026, fir tree <[firtree\\_allotments@outlook.com](mailto:firtree_allotments@outlook.com)> wrote:

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29 January 2026	Fir Tree Allotments cc: [Redacted]	Email	Email regarding preference for communications: "I am writing to ensure as I have previously communicated all correspondence regarding my allotment must be sent to me via this email address or to my home address which you hold."	We acknowledge your email and can confirm all correspondence will be emailed as requested, nothing will be placed on your shed.
30 January 2026	Fir Tree Allotments cc: [Redacted]	Email	Email summarising all outstanding issues, advises deadline of 2 February 2026.	We feel all of the points in this email are captured above. If we have missed anything we would like to apologise and request you list any additional questions/actions in bullet point form, please keep the list as simple as possible. We are feeling quite overwhelmed with the volume of emails and duplication that we feel this database if a better way for us to see what actions are outstanding and work towards answers and resolutions for everyone for involved.
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Subject: FW: FAO: [Redacted]

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FAO: [Redacted]

Following on from our email sent on Monday 2 February 2026 1440hrs we are reaching out within the promised 21 day window with our final response to your emails and letters. We have also included your email which you sent on the 18 February 2026 which was received within the timeframe for which we asked for breathing space.

There are 2 outstanding actions which we need to come back to you, these are as follows:

1. Formal complaint dated 22 January 2026 – you will receive a separate email regarding this in the next 7 days
2. Details of Honorary Auditor – you will receive a separate email regarding this within the next 14 days

We feel we have gone to great lengths to respond to all of your requests for information, and we hope you can see this from the below tracker.

[Tracker - this shows all responses, actions taken and actions being taken:](#)

Date received	For the attention of	Method	Question/Request	Action Taken	Comment	Further Action Required
24 September 2025	[Redacted]	Hand delivered - plot	<p><b>Oak trees:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. "What are the proposed works?"</li> <li>2. "Who is paying for such work as I am in no doubt the costs will be significant?"</li> <li>3. "If this proposal is pursued is then the Association not setting a precedent in that if you are pursuing work in one location then why not in another?"</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Works have been assessed by both the Council and recognised Tree Surgeons who are affiliated with Wigan Borough. The work to be completed is yet to be decided.</li> <li>2. This is yet to be determined.</li> <li>3. The Committee for Fir Tree Allotment Association will review any requests for maintenance and decisions will be made as a Committee as to what will take place, this may mean seeking advice from the Council (Our Landlord) to reach a fair and correct decision. Any funding involved if coming from The Association funds will be decided as a Committee.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Communications ongoing with [Redacted] regarding the Tree Surgeon's quotes and planned works. Once a decision is reached this will be discussed at a Committee meeting.</li> <li>2. Once a decision is made regarding Tree Surgeon and quote - a Committee meeting will be held to decide on funding.</li> <li>3. No comment.</li> </ol>	<p>Yes</p> <p>[Redacted] confirmed verbally on Monday 9 February 2026 we are able to proceed with proposed works. He has had sight of the quotes and proposed works and confirmed we as an Association can decide which option to take. He confirmed he will also put this in writing. The works will be discussed in the next committee meeting and a decision will be made regarding planned works. The works will be funded by the Association as this is not covered by the Council. Plot holders will be advised of any works being carried out in plenty of time. A site survey will take place to ensure workspaces are clear of all personal equipment and property before work commences - [Redacted]</p>
10 October 2025	[Redacted] [Redacted]	Hand delivered - plot Personal email	<p><b>Constitution:</b></p> <p>"The document is <u>not</u> in the cabin"</p> <p>"The Societies constitution is not On the community cabin wall or anywhere in the cabin."</p>	<p>Email sent to [Redacted] on 10 October 2025 @ 20.59hrs</p> <p>Email advised the Association's Constitution and the list of Emergency Contacts had both fallen off the wall where they were pinned and were on the floor behind the bookcase. Both were re-pinned to the wall for viewing.</p>	<p>The Committee have discussed a more secure notice board to be fitted to the wall to avoid this happening in the future - a pin board has been donated and will be fixed to the wall.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>A pin board has been donated to the Association for the cabin. This will be fixed to the wall inside the community cabin to ensure all notices can be fixed more securely in the future - [Redacted]</p>

14 October 2025	[Redacted]	Hand delivered - plot	<p><b>Not adhering to the Constitution:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Accounts not being presented properly at the AGM</li> <li>2. Warning and eviction procedure</li> <li>3. Offered to attend the Committee meeting planned for the 19 October 2025 to discuss matters before the AGM</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We take this on board and have studied our Constitution, moving forward we will follow all the necessary steps and timelines.</li> <li>2. As no name has been provided for this allegation - we can only link this scenario to one plot holder which we assume is the same one you are referring to. We can confirm that all the correct steps were followed, if you dispute this then please provide further details for example the name and evidence that this was not a legal eviction - we can then discuss this as a Committee and review further.</li> <li>3. An email was sent on the 18 October 2025 @ 1854hrs explaining that not all Committee members had had sight or time to digest the letters of your concerns. The plan was for the Committee to gather and discuss and if your presence was required we would reach out to advise.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For the next AGM all accounts will be in order and will follow the correct timeline as per the Constitution.</li> <li>2. If further information is provided we will review accordingly in a Committee meeting.</li> <li>3. We take onboard our communications regarding attending the Committee meeting were on the last minute, we apologise for this and we are sorry you cancelled plans for a meeting you were not invited to. In future we will handle any request of this nature in a more timely manner.</li> </ol>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Date of next AGM will be Sunday 3 May 2026 - this will take place at Lowton Community Centre, Church Lane, Lowton. All plot holders will receive notification and appropriate documents in a timely manner in line with our constitution - [Redacted]</p>
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18 October 2025	[Redacted] cc: [Redacted]	Personal email	<p>1. Postal address for Fir Tree Allotment Association requested: "Can you please provide me a full address where all official post and legal correspondence is sent regarding the Society that has to be sent by Royal Mail and/or recorded delivery?"</p> <p>2. Request for Fir Tree Allotment Association accounts: "can the Society provide me with a copy of the Societies audited accounts for the following years :- accounting year ending 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024. These must be provided to me within 14 days from the date of this email."</p> <p>3. "As the process I have started is a legal process prior to the commencement of possible legal action which would be injunctive, no officer or committee member must approach me about this matter for discussion when I am on site. Any officer or committee member that approaches me about this matter on site will be asked to refrain from doing so. No</p>	<p>1. There is no post-box onsite, the address for correspondence has always been the [Redacted] home address to ensure documents stay secure.</p> <p>2. At this time we were unable to share any Accounts as they were with the Auditor.</p> <p>3. We can confirm [Redacted] will not be approached regarding ongoing issues, these issues will be dealt with in a professional manner without confrontation.</p>	<p>1. A post box is now secured at the main gates. 2. No comment. 3. No comment</p>	<p>Yes All documents to be updated to show the site address. This will be completed by 31 March 2026 - [Redacted]</p>
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			<p>officer must enter my allotment unless the officer is permitted in their role and responsibilities and the only communications must be about my allotment or my conduct on site. This will apply to myself. If this is breached it may affect any litigation outcomes or types of litigation for example Prevention of Harassment Act 1987. "</p>			
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20 October 2025	[Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] cc: [Redacted]	Hand delivered - plot Hand delivered - plot Hand delivered - plot Personal email	<p>1. Postal address for Fir Tree Allotment Association requested: "Can you please provide me with the Associations full postal address for the receipt of all official correspondence (letters), mail, legal documents and recorded deliveries by Royal Mail?"</p> <p>2. Request for Fir Tree Allotment Association accounts: "accounting years ending from 2018 to year ending 2024 (included and inclusive)?" "These must be provided within 14 days."</p>	As above	<p>A post box is now secured at the main gates. The postal address is: Fir Tree Allotments Egerton Road Off Fir Tree Walk Lowton Warrington Cheshire WA3 2NW</p>	<p>Yes All documents to be updated to show the site address. This will be completed by 31 March 2026 - [Redacted]</p>
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23 October 2025	[Redacted] cc:[Redacted]	Hand delivered - Personal email	<p><b>Notice for the AGM</b></p> <p>AGM taking place on Sunday 26 October 2025:</p> <p>"No notice has been given or sent to me in writing."</p> <p>"As no such public notice contains the business to be transacted on the 26 October any decisions made at the meeting on Sunday 26 October 2025 and invalid and "ultra vires" and therefore and decisions, elections of officers and null and void. The notice also breaches my rights as a member as the Association has breached its power by not complying with its instruction in the constitution."</p>	<p>Thank you for bringing this to our attention, you are correct and as the agenda and notice were not circulated in the correct way. We therefore admit that the Constitution rules were not followed and therefore we accept that the AGM which took place on 26 October 2025 is null and void.</p>	<p>We have reviewed the minutes and can confirm no decisions were made other than the election of the following:</p> <p>[Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]</p> <p>Current committee members - [Redacted], [Redacted], [Redacted]</p> <p>New committee member - [Redacted]</p> <p>As it stands the [Redacted], [Redacted], [Redacted] and current committee members re-election is null and void - they will remain in office until the next AGM</p> <p>In regards to the new committee member [Redacted], this is null and void and will be reviewed in the committee meeting and we will look to co-opt [Redacted] onto the committee.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Date of next AGM confirmed as Sunday 3 May 2026.</p> <p>8 February 2026 Committee meeting - [Redacted] co-opted as a committee member, [Redacted] is aware she does not have a vote at this time but is able to continue to support the committee.</p>
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New AGM date to be arranged.

28 October 2025	[Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]	Hand delivered - plot Hand delivered - plot Hand delivered - plot	<p><b>1. Request for Fir Tree Allotment Association accounts:</b> "most recent audited accounts for the accounting period ending 2025. The accounts should cover the accounting period 2024-2025."</p> <p>"The constitution instructs you to provide these to me within 14 days of the request."</p> <p><b>2. Query regarding Auditor:</b> "Please supply the Societies Auditors full name and contact details for each year 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025."</p> <p><b>3. Sums of cash:</b> "Also note that the AGM I attended in October 2023 where it was instructed by the AGM to the [Redacted] that the large amounts of cash belonging to the Society he was holding at home must be banked, stating as being around £900 at that time, no Auditor was at this meeting in contravention of the constitution."</p>	<p>1. The [Redacted] at this stage refuses to share the accounts.</p> <p>2. We have checked the constitution and we cannot locate a rule which states this information must be shared with a plot holder.</p> <p>3. We can confirm the [Redacted] explained the reasons behind holding cash at home for a short period of time, once the issues were resolved the money was banked, the bank statement confirms this.</p>	<p>1. The accounts have since been made available to [Redacted] at a meeting with [Redacted], [Redacted] and [Redacted]. [Redacted] confirmed accounts are in order.</p> <p>2. We will be in touch about this in a separate communication in the coming weeks.</p> <p>3. No comment.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>The National Allotment Society have confirmed the information of the Honorary Auditor can be shared with a plot holder if requested. In line with our Data Protection policy we will be having a conversation with our current Honorary Auditor (who is an unpaid volunteer) to check if they are happy for their details to be shared as this has never been requested before and we currently don't hold their permission to share their details. We will be in touch about this in a separate communication in the coming weeks - [Redacted]</p> <p>We will also be requesting they attend our AGM in May 2026, this will then ensure we are operating in line with the constitution and taking the correct necessary steps required - [Redacted]</p>
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04 November 2025	Fir Tree Allotments cc: [Redacted]	Email	Second request for Fir Tree Allotment Association accounts: 2018-2024 [Redacted]	The [Redacted] at this stage refuses to share the accounts.	The accounts have since been made available to [Redacted] at a meeting with [Redacted], [Redacted] and [Redacted]. [Redacted] confirmed accounts are in order.	No
04 December 2025	Fir Tree Allotments cc: [Redacted]	Email	<b>Non payment of rent</b> "Wigan council has confirmed to me that the Society has not been paying it's rent to Wigan council in accordance with the Lease agreement."	Discussions have taken place with the council.	An invoice will be sent to the [Redacted] to arrange payment. At the next AGM this will be on the agenda to ensure all plot holders are made aware of this situation and that it has been rectified (and possibly paid up by this point).	Yes Wigan Council will be issuing Fir Tree Allotment Association with an invoice for the years where they have not issued an invoice for land rent - this has not yet been received. This will be chased up if not received by mid March - [Redacted].
05 December 2025	Fir Tree Allotments cc: [Redacted]	Email	<b>Request for resignation of</b> [Redacted] and [Redacted]	The [Redacted] and [Redacted] will not be resigning and will continue to receive the full support of the committee.	At the next AGM, as always the [Redacted] and [Redacted] will step down along with the Secretary and committee members and a re-election will take place, at this point anyone is welcome to put themselves forward for either role.	No

08 December 2025	Fir Tree Allotments cc: [Redacted]	Email	<p><b>Request for the following:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The full names of the Trustees?</li> <li>2. The full address of the Fir Tree Allotment Association?</li> <li>3. What actions is Wigan Council undertaking to ensure that allotment holders at this site are not being put at legal risk because of the actions of the officers who have and are deliberately breaching the Associations lease agreement?</li> <li>4. What actions is Wigan Council taking to ensure the constitution is being abided by?</li> </ol>	<p>At this stage we have not responded to this email - we are seeking advice from the Council, DVC, the NAAS and independent legal advice.</p> <p>We will respond when we are in a position to do so.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]</li> <li>2. Fir Tree Allotment Association, Fir Tree Walk, Across from no. 14, Lowton, Warrington, Cheshire, WA3 2NN</li> <li>3. Council to answer</li> <li>4. Council to answer</li> </ol>	No
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09 December 2025	Fir Tree Allotments cc[Redacted]	Email	<p>1. The Society is breaching its lease agreement.</p> <p>2. The Society has failed to pay rent to Wigan Council for many years.</p> <p>3. The Society is trading which is forbidden.</p> <p>4. The Society has failed to pay any Corporation Tax that is due for many years and is not listed at Companies House.</p> <p>5. The Society is not abiding by its own constitution.</p> <p>6. The Society has failed to provide me with the Societies audited accounts.</p>	<p>1. We are aware by breaching the constitution we also breaching the lease agreement. Now this has been brought to our attention we are taking all the relevant steps with the support of the Council and DVC to ensure we are in the best position possible to full fill all of our responsibilities in line with the constitution, lease agreement and policies - this is a work in progress and most certainly an education piece for all involved. We thank you for highlighting our errors and we can assure we are taking things very seriously.</p> <p>2. See above.</p> <p>3. Legal advice is being sought from the appropriate bodies.</p> <p>4. Legal advice is being sought from the appropriate bodies.</p> <p>5. Agreed, see previous comments.</p> <p>6. The [Redacted] at this stage refuses to share the accounts.</p>	<p>1. Ongoing improvements and actions.</p> <p>2. See above.</p> <p>3. Enquiries are ongoing. The shop remains closed at this stage and will not be re-opening until we confirm our position moving forward.</p> <p>4. Enquiries are ongoing. The shop remains closed at this stage and will not be re-opening until we confirm our position moving forward.</p> <p>5. Ongoing improvements and actions are taking place.</p> <p>6. The accounts have since been made available to [Redacted] at a meeting with [Redacted], [Redacted] and [Redacted]. [Redacted] confirmed accounts are in order.</p>	<p>Yes Seeking advice - [Redacted]</p>
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31 January 2026	Fir Tree Allotments cc: [Redacted]	Email	Offer of attending committee meeting	As per line 4 above:  3. An email was sent on the 18 October 2025 @ 1854hrs explaining that not all Committee members had had sight or time to digest the letters of your concerns. The plan was for the Committee to gather and discuss and if your presence was required we would reach out to advise.  Your presence is not required hence you have not received any communication to attend a committee meeting.	No comment.	No

31 January 2026	Fir Tree Allotments cc: [Redacted]	Email	<b>AGM - new date</b> "You have confirmed and accepted on behalf of the Association that the AGM held On the 26th October 25 is null and void. Therefore, it's very important that a new AGM is arranged as soon as is possible which is correctly convened."	An AGM is being arranged and once the date is confirmed you will be notified along with all other Plot Holders. This will be done in accordance with the required timeliness set out in the constitution.	New AGM date discussed, this will be communicated to all members of Fir Tree Allotment Association in line with the constitution.	No
31 January 2026	Fir Tree Allotments cc: [Redacted]	Email	"The new AGM should have presented to it audited accounts of all its business activities outlining the Societies income and expenditure and all its assets in accordance with the constitution."	The Accounts will be presented at the AGM in accordance with the constitution.	No comment.	No
31 January 2026	Fir Tree Allotments cc: [Redacted]	Email	"I have noted the record below which clearly the [Redacted] has refused to hand over accounts / papers at given points."	We would like to be very clear, as a committee we understand the refusal to share the Accounts by the [Redacted] was not in line with the constitution. We would like to be very clear although this wasn't in line with the constitution we understand why at that time the [Redacted] made this decision.  The accounts have since been made available to [Redacted] at a meeting with [Redacted], [Redacted] and [Redacted]. [Redacted] confirmed accounts are in order.	No comment.	No

31 January 2026	Fir Tree Allotments cc: [Redacted]	Email	<p>"I strongly advise the committee to appoint an accountant for the Society. They will produce audited accounts for the Society each year. This will remove the arbitrary decisions taken by the [Redacted] which result in the mismanagement of the Association's financial affairs. The committee at each meeting must monitor, scrutinise and control the functions of all the officers. This is usually done by each officer providing a report to the committee which is then minuted and scrutinised by the whole committee. The [Redacted] is accountable to the committee, not the committee accountable to the [Redacted]. His abuse of power must stop."</p>	<p>Thank you for your suggestions regarding the Accounts. As a committee we will follow the rules set out in the constitution. If necessary we can seek further advice regarding this via official channels.</p> <p>As a committee we do not feel there is any "abuse of power". This is your opinion only and we do not agree.</p>	No comment.	No
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31 January 2026	Fir Tree Allotments cc: [Redacted]	Email	<p>"I recommend that the committee seek approval from DVC and authorise and instruct the [Redacted] and maybe the whole committee to attend training on financial management, transparency, law and where accountability lay. As I have copied Wigan Council perhaps this could be arranged ? It is most definitely needed."</p>	<p>Thank you for your suggestions regarding this. As a committee we will follow the rules set out in the constitution. If necessary we can seek further advice regarding this via official channels. We do not feel training is required and we will not be seeking to arrange this. We have every confidence in our [Redacted]to continue as he has done for over 10 years. As stated previously we as a committee will be following the steps of the constitution to ensure we are compliant.</p>	No comment.	No
31 January 2026	Fir Tree Allotments cc: [Redacted]	Email	<p><b>Unlawful eviction</b>          "In relation to the tenant who was evicted unlawfully I cannot provide her name as I don't know it but she was the previous tenant of the plot [Redacted] now has. Two committee members informed me themselves they played no part in her eviction or appeal against eviction. The decisions were arbitrarily decided by [Redacted] alone which the committee allowed without its own consideration in breach of our rules."</p>	<p>This has been discussed by the committee and we are confident all the correct steps were followed. If you would like to provide any further details, name evidence of an unlawful eviction then we will put this on our agenda to be discussed at the next committee meeting and come back to you with a further response.</p>	No further comment at this stage. If further details are received this needs to be re-reviewed.	No

31 January 2026	Fir Tree Allotments cc: [Redacted]	Email	"I need time to consider whether I want to stay at Fir Tree Allotments. This chaos that I have tried to sort out has taken its toll."	We hope as a committee to bring this situation to a close as soon as possible. The committee is made up of unpaid volunteers and this has become a very stressful matter for all involved.	No comment.	No
02 February 2026	Fir Tree Allotments cc: [Redacted]	Email	"To remind you the Association should have been registered with Companies House a very long time ago."	See above - line 13	See above - line 13	No

<p>02 February 2026</p>	<p>Fir Tree Allotments cc: [Redacted]</p>	<p>Email</p>	<p>"Please provide me at the earliest opportunity, copies of the Societies warnings and evictions notices that are to be used that contains the Association's official postal address.  Can I have copies of these within 14 days and please ensure copies are sent to Wigan Council to ensure compliance with the law. Wigan Council is aware as I have brought it to their attention, that the Association is acting unlawfully regarding this matter.  The response below is incorrect. The Societies official postal address has never been incorporated within these warning and eviction notices."</p>	<p>We currently follow these steps: Notice to improve - 1st Tidy up letter Notice to improve - 2nd Tidy up letter Notice of termination  The letters require updating as the new address needs to be added along with the logo.</p>	<p>Yes Update letters with site address and place copies on the notice board in the community cabin by 31 March 2026 - [Redacted]</p>
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02 February 2026	Fir Tree Allotments cc: [Redacted]	Email	"Of course, I will await your advice and guidance regarding my formal complaint. I will refrain from attending the allotment site until I hear from you in due course and your guidance. I will make very brief visits to ensure my belongings are safe but this will be done in a manner to avoid potential confrontations."	You are welcome to attend your plot whenever you like, there will be no confrontations from any members of the Association. You do not need to limit visits because of an ongoing complaint, if you wish to limit your visits at this time this is of course your decision.  Please be mindful of your Tenancy terms and conditions to ensure you remain compliant as a tenant of Fir Tree Allotment Association.	No comment.	No
18 February 2026	Fir Tree Allotments cc: [Redacted]	Email	Various demands and allegations	The AGM date has been confirmed for Sunday 3 May 2026, time to be confirmed, location confirmed as Lowton Community Centre, Church Lane, Lowton. All plot holders will receive notification and appropriate documents in a timely manner in line with our constitution.  A meeting was arranged on Wednesday 14 January 2026 @ 1100hrs. In attendance were: [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]- Douglas Valley Communities [Redacted]	At the AGM on Sunday 3 May 2026 the accounts will be available as they always are, there will also be a stock take and the value of held stock will be included.	Yes Accounts will be re-audited in preparation for the AGM on Sunday 3 May 2026 in line with the constitution. The accounts will be produced at the meeting.
				The meeting was scheduled to take place 1100-1300hrs, MM		

				confirmed they were satisfied with the accounts, the stock value was mentioned as this was not documented.		
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The welfare of some of our committee members has certainly suffered over recent months, this has been quite a disturbing time for all involved and we appeal to you that this brings matters to a close.

Once we have provided responses regarding the two outstanding points listed above, we will be considering this matter closed.

All plot holders will be invited to the next AGM in due course, and the necessary documents will be shared with all, just like your fellow plot holders if you have any issues to raise then please follow the correct steps.

We acknowledge the Association has not always followed the right steps or practices and we thank you for highlighting some of these issues which has given us an opportunity to get things on the right track.

We ask you to remember we are simply volunteers carrying out roles and trying to enjoy our time down at the Allotment. We are not qualified accountants, qualified secretaries or solicitors etc – we are volunteers who simply want to grow our vegetables and fruit and enjoy the wonderful space we are very grateful to have.

We are doing our best and we hope this is now evident in the above tracker.

Kind regards  
[Redacted]

**Subject:** FW: \*\*1st Response to complaint – Complaint status: ongoing\*\*

**From:** fir tree <firtree\_allotments@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** 24 February 2026 14:18  
**To:** [Redacted]>  
**Cc:** [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>  
**Subject:** \*\*1st Response to complaint – Complaint status: ongoing\*\*

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**Re: COMPLAINT received 22 January 2026**

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Kind regards

[Redacted] [Redacted]  
Fir Tree Allotment Association

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**Cc:** [Redacted] [Redacted]>

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Regards

[Redacted]

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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2026 3:51:06 PM

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**Cc:** [Redacted] [Redacted]>

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Yours Sincerely

[Redacted]

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We will await your reply, please note there is no specified time scale for you to reply.

Kind regards

[Redacted] [Redacted] Fir Tree Allotment Association

**Subject:**

FW: Lease for Fir Tree Allotment Association

**From:** fir tree <firtree\_allotments@outlook.com>

**Sent:** 24 February 2026 16:27

**To:** [Redacted]**Subject:** Lease for Fir Tree Allotment Association

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Hi [Redacted]

Please can I check when the new lease agreement will be done?

This is urgent, is there anything you can do to expedite this please?

Thanks

[Redacted]

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**Subject:**

FW: \*\*1st Response to complaint – Complaint status: ongoing\*\*

**From:** fir tree <firtree\_allotments@outlook.com>

**Sent:** 24 February 2026 17:36

**To:** [Redacted]

**Cc:** [Redacted] [Redacted]

**Subject:** Re: \*\*1st Response to complaint – Complaint status: ongoing\*\*

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As per our email sent 20 February 2026 our post box is in situ and the official address is:

Fir Tree Allotments  
Egerton Road  
Off Fir Tree Walk  
Lowton  
Warrington  
Cheshire  
WA3 2NW

Sent from [Outlook for Android](#)

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**From:** [Redacted] **Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2026 5:19:01 PM

**To:** fir tree <[firtree\\_allotments@outlook.com](mailto:firtree_allotments@outlook.com)>

**Cc:** [Redacted]; [Redacted]

**Subject:** Re: \*\*1st Response to complaint – Complaint status: ongoing\*\*

Hello [Redacted],

Thank you for your email.

To confirm, I have no further requirement to request any further information at this stage, other than what I have informed you and awaiting your responses on behalf of the Association accordingly.

However, within the next ten working days it is anticipated the officers of the Association will be sent each a Letter Before Claim which is a legal requirement before proceedings commence.

These will be sent by email and delivered to the Association.

The email is the official address of the Association.

The Association has not resolved my concerns. The officers of the Association has breached its obligations towards me as I am a member of the Association. I have clearly outlined The reasons why. The Association has not offered to mediate in any way at all, despite the fact that I have made this clear from the very outset that this is something I am open to. The committee has not invited me to discuss any of my concerns.

Therefore, it is clear to me legal action is inevitable which is now something I am finalising.

I advise the Association to await my Letter Before Claim. This will entail very important information and guidance.

Until then, the Association will not hear from me further.

Finally, I am very sorry to hear that my on going emails are negatively impacting your welfare and that of others.

For this reason, I will desist immediately and proceed to escalate this whole matter to the Manchester Civil Justice Centre for resolution after the Letter Before Claim has been issued within 10 working days.

Of course, you must seek the necessary advice you deem necessary.

Thanking you for your personal endeavours to date.

Kind regards

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[Redacted] ([Redacted])  
Fir Tree Allotment Association

**Subject:**

FW: Meeting - Mediation with [Redacted]

**From:** fir tree <firtree\_allotments@outlook.com>

**Sent:** 01 March 2026 15:24

**To:** [Redacted] [Redacted]

**Subject:** Meeting - Mediation with [Redacted]

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Hi both

We are proposing a mediation meeting with [Redacted], we would appreciate it if both of you could also attend.

The meeting would need to be a Sunday as this is the only day key members can do, we appreciate you guys don't work weekends but are hoping as a one off this may be possible.

Could you do either 22 or 29 March?

We would like to reply to [Redacted]'s email as soon as possible as [Redacted] has advised a deadline before [Redacted] takes the next step towards legal action and we would obviously like to avoid this. Please let us know if either date works.

Thanks

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

**Subject:** FW: Fir Tree allotments

**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 18 November 2025 16:46  
**To:** [Redacted] >  
**Subject:** Fir Tree allotments

Hi [Redacted],

Hope you are well.

How is the support package for Fir Tree allotment association developing? Are there any significant milestones, progress etc that you can share?

Thanks

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FW: Update - Fir Tree Allotments

**Subject:**

**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 04 December 2025 11:49  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Update - Fir Tree Allotments

Hi [Redacted],

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**From:** [Redacted] >  
**Sent:** 28 November 2025 09:35  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Update - Fir Tree Allotments

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Morning [Redacted],

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[Redacted]  
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**To:** [Redacted]  
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Hi [Redacted]

Further emails have landed today; I have sent an invite for a catch up for Monday afternoon - I am flexible if the suggested time is not great for you.

Has there been any dialogue between the committee and the tenant? That may help provide comfort to the tenant that progress is underway.

Thanks

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**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Update - Fir Tree Allotments

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Hi [Redacted],

They are due to have a committee meeting this Sunday to discuss the tenant management, constitution, etc. AGM was held in November.

It's a little tricky getting everyone together as many work all week and the dark evenings prevent them from doing much over the winter.

[Redacted] now has access to the email address, but says no emails have come through recently.

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[Redacted]



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**Subject:** FW: Fir tree allotment invoicing

**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 08 December 2025 12:15  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Fir tree allotment invoicing

Hi [Redacted],

We are finally setting up the association for annual rent invoicing, do we have the name, address, email and telephone details of the person receiving the invoice. This would be a good opportunity to use the site's new postal address?

Thanks

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FW: Fit Tree allotment rent

**Subject:**

**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 08 December 2025 16:14  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Fit Tree allotment rent

Hi [Redacted],

Could you please ask [Redacted] if the association have the means to pay the rent - £250 p/a.

The property team are considering invoicing for the backdated rent – this could be up to 10 years, I have queried this (it is the Council's fault), could you also gently sound out if they have the reserves to pay the backdated rent.

Thanks

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**Subject:**

FW: Fir Tree Accounts

**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 09 January 2026 15:12  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Fir Tree Accounts

Hi [Redacted],

That is great.

My calendar is pretty hectic on Wednesday but if I can move meetings around, I may be able to be at Lowton from 11.30-12.30.

Is it just yourself meeting [Redacted] or will the committee be there as well?

Not sure why [Redacted] is not pleased, if it is a constitutional right to see the accounts, they are obliged to share?

Thanks

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 09 January 2026 14:55  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Fir Tree Accounts

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Hi [Redacted],

I've just met with the Fir Tree Allotment committee, and although [Redacted] wasn't thrilled to do so, [Redacted] has handed over all of the accounts, including bank statements, every bill they have ever received,

and all cheque/paying-in books. I have them at the moment, and I am going to email [Redacted] with an invitation to Lowton Community Centre on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January between 11am-1pm to view the accounts.

They are all very organised but completely paper-based and would be impossible to digitise beforehand.

Thanks,  
[Redacted]



[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]



**Subject:** FW: Final version of the agenda-EGM 2026

**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 27 January 2026 09:07  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Final version of the agenda-EGM 2026

Hi [Redacted]

Do we know how the EGM was shared with members and why [Redacted] believes the notification does not comply with the constitution?

Thanks

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**From:** [Redacted] >  
**Sent:** 26 January 2026 11:04  
**To:** fir tree <[firtree\\_allotments@outlook.com](mailto:allotments@outlook.com)>  
**Cc:** Complaints <[Complaints@wigan.gov.uk](mailto:Complaints@wigan.gov.uk)>; [Redacted] >; tellus <[tellus@bewellwigan.org](mailto:tellus@bewellwigan.org)>; [Redacted] >; [Redacted] >  
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Dear [Redacted]),

Thank you for your email below.

I have copied Wigan Council and DVC.

To remind you that I have submitted a formal complaint against [Redacted] and proof of delivery to the Association will be sent very soon. I have sent the complaint via the Associations official email address which is sufficient anyway. Please acknowledge that you have received my formal complaint.

Regarding the EGM - to inform you as it stands the notification does not comply with our current constitution. In order to change our articles of Association they must be compiled with in doing so. Otherwise, any meeting is ultra vires, as was the last AGM.

I am aware you have worked very hard On the changes but unfortunately, our Society (the committee) has a long history of constitutional rule breaking and law breaking which I have evidenced due to the committee's inability and/or unwillingness to challenge the excessive unlawful power of certain officers. This has to and must change.

New policies, procedures and a constitution are completely worthless in the current circumstances. A committee that doesn't comply with the rules, constitution and the law is attempting to change them and will ignore them anyway, apart from the statutory provisions.

The Society needs officers who have the ability and willingness to comply with the law, otherwise, serious trouble lays ahead.

It has been my intentions to write to members about what has been going on. With this in mind, my final version of my letter is attached and will be delivered to members this week and prior to the EGM.

Proof of delivery of my complaint to follow.

Yours Sincerely

[Redacted]

On Sunday, 25 January 2026, fir tree <[firtree\\_allotments@outlook.com](mailto:firtree_allotments@outlook.com)> wrote:

Please find attached the final version of the agenda for the upcoming EGM on the 8 February 2026

Yours sincerely

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

**Subject:**

FW: Fir Tree allotments

**From:** [Redacted] >  
**Sent:** 19 November 2025 10:02  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Fir Tree allotments

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Morning [Redacted]

The committee has been really proactive since we met with them 2 weeks ago.

I visited again last week and met with [Redacted], two committee members, and [Redacted], who supports with the administration. We talked through the pros and cons of incorporating as a CIC and what this would allow them to do. They were in favour of this option and removing any personal liabilities but required full committee approval, which was agreed on Sunday.

[Redacted] also shared trustee roles and responsibilities, which has helped with gaining documents from the [Redacted] to be kept on file. A letterbox is also going to be installed to the gates this weekend that will allow post to be delivered direct, rather than to an individual's home address

[Redacted] now has a copy of the lease, which they are holding over, and we are working together on a full policy review. We also talked about site management, accessibility, and tenancy agreements.

I am due to visit again next week to help with the CIC documents. We researched new community bank accounts and the committee collectively agreed on Lloyds as they still have a branch in Leigh [Redacted] is going to support the [Redacted] with any online banking requirements and the set up.

I will keep you updated on progress next week.

Thanks,  
[Redacted]



[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 18 November 2025 16:46  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Fir Tree allotments

Hi [Redacted]

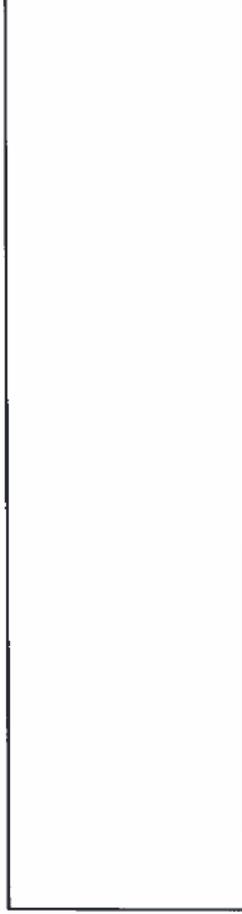
Hope you are well.

How is the support package for Fir Tree allotment association developing? Are there any significant milestones, progress etc that you can share?

Thanks

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 04 December 2025 14:18  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Update - Fir Tree Allotments

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Monday works great for me.

I've just spoken with [Redacted], who had messaged this morning to let me know they were meeting, but [Redacted] has had no contact or communication with the tenant.

Thanks,  
[Redacted]



[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]



**From:** [Redacted] >  
**Sent:** 04 December 2025 14:16  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Update - Fir Tree Allotments

Hi [Redacted],

Further emails have landed today; I have sent an invite for a catch up for Monday afternoon – I am flexible if the suggested time is not great for you.

Has there been any dialogue between the committee and the tenant? That may help provide comfort to the tenant that progress is underway.

Thanks

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**From:** [Redacted] >  
**Sent:** 04 December 2025 14:12  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Update - Fir Tree Allotments

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Hi [Redacted],

They are due to have a committee meeting this Sunday to discuss the tenant management, constitution, etc. AGM was held in November.

It's a little tricky getting everyone together as many work all week and the dark evenings prevent them from doing much over the winter.

[Redacted] now has access to the email address, but says no emails have come through recently.

Thanks,  
[Redacted]



[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]



**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 04 December 2025 11:49  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Update - Fir Tree Allotments

Hi [Redacted],

The tenant who has expressed concerns on how the allotment is being managed has escalated his complaint.

Further to the previous updates on the progress made by the committee, has there been any progress with new procedures for tenant management, enforcement etc, an updated constitution, AGMs etc.

Ideally, we want to evidence to the tenant the progress made to date.

I have been copied into a couple of emails that have been sent to [firtree\\_allotments@outlook.com](mailto:firtree_allotments@outlook.com) Is this the email address which the [Redacted] could not access? Do we know if the committee are responding to the emails?

Thanks

[Redacted].

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**From:** [Redacted] >

**Sent:** 28 November 2025 09:35

**To:** [Redacted]

**Subject:** Update - Fir Tree Allotments

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Morning [Redacted],

We have completed the CIC forms for Fir Tree Allotments and will submit them online early next week. They are visiting Tyldesley allotments tomorrow to see how things work there and to confirm that they would be happy to be the asset lock.

A new access ramp is being made for the cabin, and the post box is awaiting installation as it requires welding to the gates.

Thanks,

[Redacted]

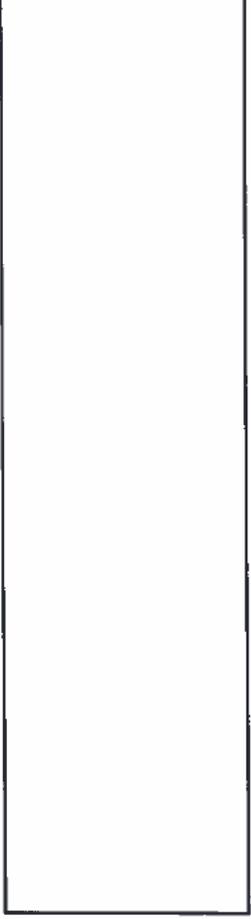


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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 30 December 2025 11:00  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** FW: Fir Tree Allotment Association

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Morning [Redacted],

Hope you had a good Christmas, are you in work this week?

Thanks,  
[Redacted]

**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 30 December 2025 07:13  
**To:** Douglas Valley <[info@douglasvalley.org.uk](mailto:info@douglasvalley.org.uk)>  
**Cc:** [Redacted] >; [tellus@bewellwigan.org](mailto:tellus@bewellwigan.org); fir tree <[firtree\\_allotments@outlook.com](mailto:firtree_allotments@outlook.com)>  
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Re:- Fir Tree Allotment Association, Lowton.

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At this stage, it is extremely likely legal action will commence mid-January 2026 against one, two or all of the officers of the Fir Tree Allotment Association for "breach of contract". Other actions cannot be ruled out.

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Since 14th October 2025 my concerns regarding the Society have deepened. I now hold serious concerns about the financial propriety of the society.

I have now established the following :-

The Society did not pay Wigan Council it's rent owed for many years.

The Society was trading in breach of its lease agreement.

The Society is not registered at Companies House.

I must make it clear to you that it is clear to me that the non-payment of rent for many years was not an accident. The failure to register the Association at Companies House is not an accident.

The Society has failed to provide me with the accounts.

The Society is engaging in unlawful earnings and evictions.

The Society is breaching its lease agreement.

The Society is not complying with its constitution.

I have serious concerns about the accounts. I have requested details from the Society about all auditors from previous years which again have not been provided.

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Following receipt of the Lease Agreement which I legally obtained from Wigan Council I have also established that Wigan Council did not monitor or enforce the lease in any way, shape or form.

I also have concerns that large amounts of cash may not be being banked and is held at home of one of the officers.

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Any response by you may go some way to avoiding this and nonetheless will demonstrate to the court that I did reach out.

As I have informed Wigan Council I am also happy to meet to discuss and mediate regarding my concerns which must be addressed by all parties concerned to ensure the Society functions correctly, complies with its constitution, lease and the law which to date is failing to do so.

I have copied in the Association and Wigan Council, including it's Legal Department.

Apologies for the length of this communication.

Kind regards

[Redacted]

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**Attachments:** Fir Tree 2.jpeg; Fir Tree 3.jpeg

**From:** [Redacted] >  
**Sent:** 30 December 2025 15:21  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** [Redacted] <[Redacted]@bewellwigan.org>; fir tree <firtree\_allotments@outlook.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Fir Tree Allotment Association

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Hi [Redacted],

Thank you for your email. I have contacted the council for any further updates available, but many are taking a little annual leave during the Christmas period and will not be back in the office until the 5<sup>th</sup> January at the earliest.

My role however at Douglas Valley Community Ltd is to offer independent advice to organisations that are looking to take on a Community Assets or those that are in possession and require advice and guidance.

I have met with several of the committee members over the past few weeks at Fir Tree Allotments and discussed various organisational structures and the pros and cons of incorporating as a Community Interest Company (CIC) which would require registering with Companies House and what this would entail. They were in favour of this option and are looking to seek full committee approval.

I have been supporting [Redacted] and looking to do a full review of all necessary policies and adopting new, if required, as this will be needed for incorporating and obtaining a new lease under the new registered company. We have also discussed site management, accessibility, and tenancy agreements.

I have spoken to the [Redacted], and [Redacted] is willing to share the accounts, though at present are paper based so cannot forward a digital copy. I have managed to obtain photos of the current accounts today which I have attached and agreed to meet with [Redacted] again in early January where [Redacted] will let me have copies of all accounts that I will be able to share.

I hope this information helps to reassure you that action is being taken by the committee and they will have support going forward.

Regards,  
[Redacted]



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[Redacted]  
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As I have informed Wigan Council I am also happy to meet to discuss and mediate regarding my concerns which must be addressed by all parties concerned to ensure the Society functions correctly, complies with its constitution, lease and the law which to date is failing to do so.

I have copied in the Association and Wigan Council, including it's Legal Department.

Apologies for the length of this communication.

Kind regards

[Redacted]

**Subject:** FW: Fir Tree Allotment

**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 07 January 2026 16:51  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Fir Tree Allotment

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No problem, I will meet with them and discuss what we talked about yesterday. Will let you know the outcome.

Thanks,  
[Redacted]



[Redacted]  
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-----Original Appointment-----

**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 07 January 2026 16:40  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Declined: Fir Tree Allotment  
**When:** 09 January 2026 13:00-14:30 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.  
**Where:** Lowton

Apologies, Friday is pretty hectic, 6 meetings including a trip to Hindley.

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[Redacted]

**Subject:** FW: Fir Tree Accounts

**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 09 January 2026 14:55  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Fir Tree Accounts

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Hi [Redacted]

I've just met with the Fir Tree Allotment committee, and although [Redacted] wasn't thrilled to do so, [Redacted] has handed over all of the accounts, including bank statements, every bill they have ever received, and all cheque/paying-in books. I have them at the moment, and I am going to email [Redacted] with an invitation to Lowton Community Centre on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January between 11am-1pm to view the accounts.

They are all very organised but completely paper-based and would be impossible to digitise beforehand.

Thanks,  
[Redacted]



[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]



**Subject:** FW: Fir Tree Allotment Accounts

**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 09 January 2026 15:05  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** [Redacted] >; fir tree <firtree\_allotments@outlook.com>  
**Subject:** Fir Tree Allotment Accounts

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Hi [Redacted],

I have met with the trustees of Fir Tree Allotments, and they have provided me with all the site-related accounts. These are all paper based, so they can't be sent digitally.

I can have them available for you to view on Wednesday, 14th January, at the Church Lane (Lowton) Community Centre, 243 Church Lane, Lowton, Warrington WA3 2RZ. I can be there between 11am and 1pm if that date is suitable for you.

Thanks,  
[Redacted]



[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]



**Subject:**

FW: Fir Tree Accounts

**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 09 January 2026 15:19  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Fir Tree Accounts

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That would be great if you can call over.

[Redacted] is going to be there with me, so I'm not alone. [Redacted] has taken it personally and feels it is an attack on [Redacted] integrity, so [Redacted] would be willing to take it to court. However, once we explained how it implicated [Redacted], [Redacted] agreed. I do think that [Redacted] will stand down after this though.

Thanks,  
[Redacted]



[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]



**From:** [Redacted] >  
**Sent:** 09 January 2026 15:12  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Fir Tree Accounts

Hi [Redacted],

That is great.

My calendar is pretty hectic on Wednesday but if I can move meetings around, I may be able to be at Lowton from 11.30-12.30.

Is it just yourself meeting [Redacted] or will the committee be there as well?

Not sure why [Redacted] is not pleased, if it is a constitutional right to see the accounts, they are obliged to share?

Thanks

[Redacted]  
[Redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted]

**Sent:** 09 January 2026 14:55

**To:** [Redacted]

**Subject:** Fir Tree Accounts

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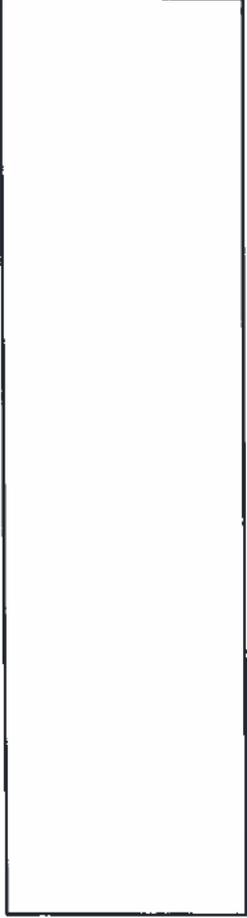
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**Attachments:** Fir Tree Allotments Constitution.docx

**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 20 January 2026 15:33  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Fir Tree Constitution

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Hi [Redacted]

Copy of Fir Tree Constitution attached if you need it for reference.

Thanks,  
[Redacted]



[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]



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**CONSTITUTION**  
**Of**  
**Fir Tree Allotment**  
**Association**

**2015**

## NAME, OBJECTIVES AND POWERS

1. Name  
The name of the Association shall be

### Fir Tree Allotment Association

2. **Official Communications**  
Shall normally be received and signed on behalf of the Association by the Secretary or in the absence of the Secretary by the Chairman or Treasurer.
3. **Aim of Association**  
*To assist all members in the recreational pursuit of gardening, and to promote health, education and community fellowship.*
4. **Objects**
  - a) To actively cooperate with groups and organisations with a view to increasing the provision of allotments and improving standards and facilities
  - b) To establish a working relationship with Wigan Council as landlords with the object of delivering the Lease Agreement Package for Allotment Self-Management
  - c) To administer communal services for the benefit of the site, such as arranging payment of rates and promoting relevant seed schemes and other such opportunities
  - d) To help new gardeners on the site in whatever way is appropriate including providing, where possible, introduction to a nearby experienced gardener with the view to special help during early months of tenancy
5. **Powers**  
The Association shall have full power to do all things necessary or expedient for the accomplishment of its objects. No sectarian or party political questions shall be introduced into any meeting and no action of the Association shall be directed towards the propagation of political or religious doctrines, racial or gender discrimination or take part in any political party or religious denominational activities.

## USE OF NAME

6. **Use of Name**  
The name shall be mentioned in all business letters of the Association, notices, advertisements, and other official publications of the Association and payments, cheques, and orders for money or goods, purporting to be signed by or on behalf of the Association, and in all bills, invoices, receipts and letters of credit of the Association.

## MEMBERSHIP

7. **Members**  
The allotment site shall consist of members who live within the boundaries of Wigan or of such other persons as the Committee may admit to membership.
8. **Rent**  
Members will be required to pay such annual rent, the level of which is determined by the Committee, Members joining part way through a financial year will pay rent on a pro rata basis.
9. **Cessation of Membership**  
A member shall cease to be a member of the Association if their tenancy is revoked, as per the Association's Rules

#### **Expulsion of members**

A General Meeting may, by a vote of two thirds of the members present and entitled to vote, expel any member for conduct detrimental to the Association, provided that a notice specifying the conduct for which it is intended to expel, is sent to the member at the address given in the List of Members at least one calendar month prior to the date of the meeting.

### **LIST OF MEMBERS**

#### **11. List of Members**

The Committee shall allocate the keeping of an alphabetical membership list updated annually to one of its members in which shall be entered the following:

- a) Name, address and telephone number of member
- b) Date of receipt of approved Tenancy Agreement and Rules

Any member may see the entry in respect of themselves recorded in the official list of members and in their own interest must notify any change of address to the Secretary.

### **GOVERNANCE AND DAY-TO-DAY MANAGEMENT**

12. Governance of the Association shall be vested in the General Meetings
13. Day to Day Management shall be delegated to the Association Committee

### **ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS**

#### **14. Association Committee**

The Committee must be members of the Association and shall consist of a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and 3 Committee Members or such number as may be determined at a General Meeting

#### **15. Election**

The Committee will be elected from members of the Association at the Annual General Meeting and will take office at the end of the Annual General Meeting at which elected until the end of the next Annual General Meeting

#### **16. Mid - Term Vacancies**

The Committee may fill any vacancy arising during the year. Members appointed will be full voting members of the committee and count towards a quorum.

#### **17. President and Honorary Vice Presidents**

The Annual General Meeting may elect a President and/or Honorary Life Presidents as may be required. These offices will be honorary and non-voting unless the office holder is a member with normal voting rights.

#### **18. Co option**

The Committee may co-opt any member to the Committee to assist in its work. Such co-opted members will be non-voting and not count towards a quorum.

#### **19. Powers of Committee**

The Committee shall have full power to supervise and manage the day to day work of the Association according to the Rules and for the purpose of accomplishing its objects.

#### **20. Attendances**

Any Committee member who has failed to attend two meetings in any year for any reasons unaccepted by the Committee, will cease to be a Committee member.

21. **Removal from Committee**  
The Committee may remove any officer or committee member from the Committee by a simple majority following an open discussion of the issues, which includes the individual members opportunity to put his/her point of view. If required the vote may be a secret vote but the voting numbers will be recorded in the minutes.

## MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

22. **Frequency of meetings**  
The Committee will meet quarterly or more frequently if required by decision of the Committee.
23. **Quorum at Committee Meetings**  
A quorum for meetings of the Committee shall be 5 or such other number as may be agreed at a General Meeting.
24. **Emergency Actions**  
The Chairman and/either the Secretary or Treasurer may take any executive emergency actions required where it is not practicable for the business to be decided upon at a regular or special committee meeting. Details of the action will be reported and recorded at the next meeting of the Committee.
25. **Conduct of Meetings**  
At all meetings of the Committee every question shall be decided by a majority of votes and if the votes are equal the Chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to his/her vote as a member. In the absence of the Chairman, an acting Chairman elected at the committee meeting shall preside for that meeting.

## FINANCE

26. **Financial Records**  
The Treasurer will keep in date order a record of all income and expenditure related to Association's financial transactions and all expenditure must be supported by a supplier's receipt or appropriate voucher which shows the date of expenditure, the total amount and the purpose for which payment was made. The Committee must keep all records for 7 years. Receipts for rental income will be given, recording the date paid, the duration of the rental fee and the name of the member. This receipt will be proof of membership.
27. **Banking**  
The Treasurer shall open a cheque book account with a bank or building society in the name of the Association. Payments by cheque shall require any 2 or 3 authorised signatures - Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer.
28. **Annual Accounts Format**  
If no other activity is envisaged then a simple income and Expenditure account and a balance sheet will suffice. In the event of other activities needing to be presented separately e.g. shows, trading, then a separate simple sub account will be introduced with agreement of the Committee.
30. **Reports to Committee**

The Treasurer shall make a verbal report at each meeting on income and expenditure and liabilities up to the Friday before the meeting, and make available at the meeting the most recent bank statement. The Treasurer's verbal financial report shall be recorded in the minutes

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**Special Expenditure**

When special projects are considered they will be costed as far as possible and the Treasurer will advise the Committee on possible ways of funding

32

**Financial Advice**

Where the Association requires financial advice outside the normal experience, the Treasurer shall seek what professional advice is required and advise the Committee

33

**Presentation of Accounts for Audit**

The Treasurer shall close the annual account on **21<sup>st</sup> March** each year and prepare income and expenditure statements and a balance sheet for presentation to the Honorary Auditor by the 2nd Monday in the following month. The audited accounts shall be circulated as part of the agenda for the Association's Annual General Meeting signed by the Honorary Auditor and Treasurer. All accounts must be retained for 7 years.

34

**Mid Term Vacancy**

Where for any reason the Treasurer ceases to hold office the Committee will appoint an Acting Treasurer and ask the Honorary Auditor to carry out an interim audit in preparation for the new Treasurer taking up office.

35

**Membership Fee**

The Treasurer shall advise the Annual General Meeting of any changes required in the membership fee for the current financial year and the Annual General Meeting will consider and decide on the membership fee.

**AUDITOR**

36.

**Appointment of Auditor**

The Honorary Auditor or Auditors shall be appointed at each Annual General Meeting and shall hold office until the close of the following Annual General Meeting.

37.

**Qualifications**

The Auditor must not be an officer of the committee but otherwise any person, member or not who has agreed to carry out the duty may be nominated and appointed year by year at the Annual General Meeting.

38.

**Mid Term Vacancy**

Where for any reason the auditor(s) ceases to hold office the Committee will appoint a replacement auditor as soon as is practicable and record the action in the minutes.

**AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS**

39.

**Audit Procedure**

The Auditor shall receive the draft accounts, payments, receipts files, bank statements and bank book from the Treasurer by the 2nd Monday in April each year, and will examine them and agree final accounts as an accurate and fair record based on the documents of the Association's financial transactions for the year.

40.

**Tax Liability**

The Association is liable to corporation tax on any investment interest accruing during the year and these matters must be addressed with VAT Inspectors by the Treasurer and Auditor.

41. **Approval of Audit Accounts**  
The Annual General Meeting will consider the annual accounts presented by the Treasurer and/or the Auditor. Adoptions of the audited accounts will be proposed by a member other than the Treasurer and Auditor. The Auditor may raise at the Annual General Meeting any financial matters which require the attention of the Association.
42. **Availability of Audited Accounts**  
Any member has the right to request a copy of the adopted audited accounts from the Secretary who will provide a copy within 2 weeks of the request.

## **GENERAL MEETINGS**

43. **Annual General Meetings (AGM)**  
The Annual General Meetings shall be held at such times as the Committee or a General Meeting shall determine as soon after the audit of accounts is completed as is convenient.
44. **Special General Meeting (SGM)**  
A Special General Meeting shall be held whenever the Committee thinks expedient or whenever a written requisition for such a meeting by 5 members is delivered to the Secretary. A Special General Meeting shall be convened by Committee within 4 weeks of receipt of request. Should the Secretary fail to convene the meeting the members signing the requisition may convene such meeting by giving such notice themselves
45. **Notice of General Meeting**  
At least seven days notice in writing to be given of every General Meeting, stating the business to be transacted at such meeting (see appendix - Sample Annual General Meeting Agenda). The notice shall be sent to every member at the address entered in the List of Members, provided to every member by hand or publicised on the site notice board, and no other business than that stated in the notice shall be transacted at such meeting.
46. **Agenda Items**  
Agenda items must be notified in writing to the Secretary 14 days prior to the meeting.
47. **Notices of Motions**  
Motion or motions must be notified in writing to the Secretary 14 days prior to the meeting signed by the proposer(s) and seconder(s).
48. **Changes in Rules**  
Changes in rules must be notified in writing to the Secretary 14 days prior to the meeting signed by proposer(s) and seconder(s).
49. **Voting at General Meetings**  
Every member present at a General Meeting and not otherwise disqualified shall have one vote and where the votes cast in any matter are equal then the Chairman shall have the casting vote in addition to his/her vote as member. Members who are not allotment tenants shall not have the right to vote on questions affecting allotment tenant members only.
50. **Presiding Officer at General Meetings**  
At all General Meetings a chairman elected at the meeting shall preside.
51. **Quorum at General Meetings**  
A quorum at General Meetings shall consist of seven members.
52. **Discussions at Meetings**

No political or sectarian issue shall be raised or discussed at General Meetings.

### ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION RULES

53. **Application of this Constitution**  
This constitution shall be applied in line with the agreed Allotment Association Rules

54. **Disputes**  
In case any dispute arises between the Association or any of its officers and any member or persons claiming on behalf of a member or under the Rules, or in case of any complaint against any member, disputes shall be dealt with under the Lease Agreement Package and Allotment Association Rules

### DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

55. **Dissolution**  
The Association may at any time be dissolved by consent of three fourths of the members, testified by their signatures to an instrument of dissolution. Instructions for dissolution will clearly set out what is to happen to any assets and residual cash after payment of expenses. Wigan Council must be informed of any dissolution and notice of a new Allotment Association, as per the Lease Agreement Package

### AMENDMENTS OF RULES

57. **Mode for Amending Rules**  
The Rules may be amended by resolution of a three fourths majority of those attending a General Meeting called for that purpose.

Signed ..... Chairman

..... Treasurer

**Subject:** FW: Final version of the agenda-EGM 2026

**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 27 January 2026 09:47  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Final version of the agenda-EGM 2026

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Morning,

I think what [Redacted] is saying is that if you don't currently abide by the rules in place, then you can't change them. That was my understanding?

I spoke with [Redacted] on Friday, who was getting all the policies printed so they would be available in the cabin for comments. I believe [Redacted] emailed everyone and had already provided [Redacted] with a copy of the agenda via post. It was a difficult call because [Redacted].

I asked whether [Redacted] had seen the emails received, and [Redacted] said yes to the ones relating to the financial information required, as [Redacted] had printed them off and taken them round to [Redacted] house. [Redacted] wasn't very supportive and told [Redacted] [Redacted] should stop opening emails from [Redacted], calling it basically [Redacted] fault for giving in to [Redacted] demands. [Redacted] said that [Redacted] wasn't going to be speaking to [Redacted] about the further complaint, so I said that I would call [Redacted] and make [Redacted] aware.

I managed to get hold of [Redacted] late Friday afternoon on the land line. Asked if [Redacted] had been made aware of the complaint, which [Redacted] said no and wasn't interested, I explained the severity of it and that [Redacted] might want to take action, but [Redacted] didn't want to know what the content was and I got a similar response as [Redacted] with [Redacted] telling me to stop complying with demands and that's where the conversation ended.

I'm struggling to see how we proceed with this, as there is very little support from [Redacted]; [Redacted], and [Redacted], just wanting to do [Redacted] best.

We are still due to meet with them on Friday, and then we have a week to get things in place for the EGM

Thanks,  
[Redacted]

[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]



**From:** [Redacted] >  
**Sent:** 27 January 2026 09:07  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Final version of the agenda-EGM 2026

Hi [Redacted]

Do we know how the EGM was shared with members and why [Redacted] believes the notification does not comply with the constitution?

Thanks

[Redacted]  
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**From:** [Redacted] >  
**Sent:** 26 January 2026 11:04  
**To:** fir tree <[firmtree\\_allotments@outlook.com](mailto:firmtree_allotments@outlook.com)>  
**Cc:** Complaints <[Complaints@wigan.gov.uk](mailto:Complaints@wigan.gov.uk)>; [Redacted] >; [tellus@bewarellwigan.org](mailto:tellus@bewarellwigan.org)>; [Redacted] >; [Redacted] >  
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Dear [Redacted], Fir Tree Allotment Association),

Thank you for your email below.

I have copied Wigan Council and DVC.

To remind you that I have submitted a formal complaint against [Redacted] and proof of delivery to the Association will be sent very soon. I have sent the complaint via the Associations official email address which is sufficient anyway. Please acknowledge that you have received my formal complaint.

Regarding the EGM - to inform you as it stands the notification does not comply with our current constitution. In order to change our articles of Association they must be compiled with in doing so. Otherwise, any meeting is ultra vires, as was the last AGM.

I am aware you have worked very hard On the changes but unfortunately, our Society (the committee) has a long history of constitutional rule breaking and law breaking which I have evidenced due to the committee's inability and/or unwillingness to challenge the excessive unlawful power of certain officers. This has to and must change.

New policies, procedures and a constitution are completely worthless in the current circumstances. A committee that doesn't comply with the rules, constitution and the law is attempting to change them and will ignore them anyway, apart from the statutory provisions.

The Society needs officers who have the ability and willingness to comply with the law, otherwise, serious trouble lays ahead.

It has been my intentions to write to members about what has been going on. With this in mind, my final version of my letter is attached and will be delivered to members this week and prior to the EGM.

Proof of delivery of my complaint to follow.

Yours Sincerely

[Redacted]

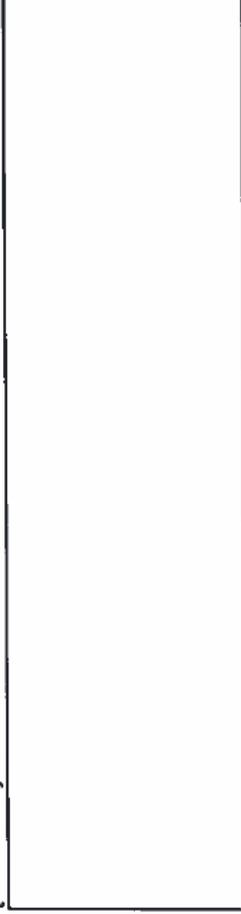
On Sunday, 25 January 2026, fir tree <[firtree\\_alotments@outlook.com](mailto:alotments@outlook.com)> wrote:

Please find attached the final version of the agenda for the upcoming EGM on the 8 February 2026

Yours sincerely

[Redacted]

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**Sent:** 10 February 2026 14:21

**To:** [Redacted]

**Subject:** Fir Tree

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Hi [Redacted],

I've just had a message from [Redacted], [Redacted] [Redacted].

[Redacted] are struggling to respond to the complaint about [Redacted] because they feel any response would appear biased. They want someone independent to respond on their behalf, which I have declined, as my role is to support them with governance and policy matters to obtain a new lease.

I have said to speak with NAS, but they have not contacted them regarding the complaint.

Not sure what else to advise unless you have any ideas? The 21 days are ticking down!

Thanks,  
[Redacted]



[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]

