

Dear Member,

The RHFAS AGM is almost upon us! But what is it all about? What is it for? Is it really that important? - I hear you ask! Some of you may not realise it, but this is the most important date in our calendar. That's because an AGM isn't just a formality — it's the moment each year when the members of a society actually shape its future. Fresh ideas, new volunteers, and different perspectives are what keep a group vibrant and healthy.

It is important to note that our AGM needs a minimum number of people to attend as it protects the organisation from being run without proper member involvement and keeps the AGM legally and constitutionally valid. A society functions best when its members actively participate. Of course, life gets busy and you might have plans — but if you're free, please join us and help keep our allotment society thriving.

It is where you'll find out what's going on behind the scenes, the exciting plans for the future and learn about the volunteer opportunities coming up this season. Last year, when we were close to a real crisis and even risked folding, we proved just how much we care about our plots, our community, and each other. Let's ensure those days are behind us by supporting our society. When we all do a little, we achieve a lot.

The minutes from the last meeting will soon be available on the website, in the shop and on notice boards as well as the agenda, finance documents and summary of the Chair's report.

We'd love to see you there Saturday April the 18th, at 11am. The venue has changed to St John's Church Hall, [Ilfracombe Gardens, Whitley Bay NE26 3ND](#). There is limited parking and an accessible entrance. Refreshments will be available.

Kindest regards

Michelle

Chairperson of RHFAS