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Allotment association celebrate lottery windfall

The Swinton and District Allotments and Leisure Gardeners Association held a special barbeque party at Destructor allotments to celebrate the award of nearly £7,000 by the National Lottery.

The grant was made under the Awards for All lottery grants for local groups and has so far been used to help renovate Destructor allotments — a once derelict site that has now become a thriving community area.

Among some of the main improvements made to the site include: the installation of new footpaths, toilet facilities and an electric generator.

In addition, the group has also secured a further £2000 from the Community Fund for Greater Manchester which will go towards making further improvements.



▶ Pictured (from left): Lawrence Iozzia, Gary Officer, Roger Wilcox, Paul Harris, Anne Taverner and community lottery officer, Tina Antal.



Tindall Street visit for Salford Reds

Players from the Salford City Reds rugby team paid a surprise visit to Tindall Street allotments in May to see first hand how allotment gardening is helping to promote healthy living in Salford.

The event, arranged by the Primary Care Trust, also marked the first official visit by the council's new lead member for environment, Cllr Joe Murphy who was very impressed by the set up at the allotments, particularly the community plot that caters for disabled members of the community.

▶ Pictured: Cllr Joe Murphy (centre) with Salford City Reds Karl Fitzpatrick and Paul White and allotment tenants Kevin Griffin (left) and Brian Hall (right).

Tindall Street's Danny has a 'Heart of Salford'



▲ Pictured: Salford City Council's Steve Dennison presenting Danny with his nomination certificate.

Congratulations to Tindall Street site manager, Danny Griffiths, who was recently nominated for the prestigious 'Heart of Salford' award for his services to the community.

Danny was nominated in the veterans category by the Tindall Street Allotments Association in recognition of the excellent contribution he has made to the allotment site over the last few years.

The Heart of Salford awards celebrate the achievements of volunteers in Salford and aim to give recognition to all those unsung heroes who give their valuable time through volunteering.

New fencing installed at Poorlots and Tynesbank

As reported in the last edition, Salford City Council has now installed new fencing at Tynesbank allotments in Walkden (below left) and Poorlots allotments in Cadishead (below right) to further improve the safety and security of these sites.



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Need some help and advice? Our allotments doctor Steve Dennison is here to answer your questions

ASK
Dr. Steve

Q How do I keep slugs & snails from damaging my vegetables?

A Ask your local coffee shop for their used coffee beans and sprinkle them in a layer around vulnerable plants. The scent and texture will prevent them crossing onto your plants.

Q What is the best way to keep seeds fresh?

A Store them in a box and keep them in your fridge. This should slow down the natural degradation of the seed.

Q What is the maximum size shed allowed on an allotment plot?

A Sheds must not exceed a maximum of 2.3 metres in height, 2.4 metres in length and 1.8 metres in width.



Did you know?

Tomatoes are one of the most valuable crops you can grow on your allotment and not because of their cost but because you can grow all kinds of varieties that shops do not sell such as Yellow Punch & Moneymaker.