

# Debenham Allotment and Leisure Gardeners

## Association Annual Report 23/5/11

DALG was reformed in July 2010 following a meeting between interested parties and the local area representative of the National Association, of which the group are members.

To date we have 25 members made up of existing allotment tenants, potential tenants and leisure gardeners. We are continuing to attract members.

DALG has taken insurance through the membership scheme run by the national association which provides liability insurance for all members' plots and fundraising liability insurance.

To date we have held several meetings to discuss how members would like the association to run be and what improvements / provision we would like to make to the site. The main item is the installation of a perimeter fence which we hope to fund once the additional plots have been reclaimed in October 2011. We also hope to erect a communal shed for the storage of communal tools, etc.

Our first fundraising event was a Seed Swap and Coffee Morning held in February which raised over £60. Thompson and Morgan kindly supported this event by donating seeds as did local seed firm Cottage Garden Seeds of Earl Soham.

We plan to hold a summer BBQ for allotment tenants and there are plans for an alternative community afternoon tea utilising the summer harvest from the site and to be held at Dove Cottage.

As many of our key members are also working on other pressing projects within the village – youth provision and library – the activities of DALG have been quieter than hoped this year.

A meeting has been requested with the PC representatives for the allotments to discuss how DALG can work with and assist with the running of the site to the mutual benefit of all parties.