**M**ALGA Report Annual Parish Meeting 7th April 2025

A very busy year for Mulbarton Allotments and Leisure Gardeners Association (MALGA). Our current membership exceeds 60. Many new activities, along with the reoccurring ones have been popular, well attended, supported and enjoyed by all.

Under the umbrella of MALGA, the Mulbarton Environmental Group (MEG), launched by MALGA in 2022 is thriving and has planted numerous tree saplings in Mulbarton. MEG continues to bring public awareness to respect nature and the environment.

The recently founded Mulbarton Community Allotment Association (MCAA) has been established on plot 4 Oakley Park North Allotments. A chairman, secretary, treasurer and an adviser have been appointed. Although MCCA has its own bank account, the newly formed group comes under the umbrella of MALGA. A report for this new endeavour follows this evening.

Last May, our plant sale held at the Worlds End pub car park proved very successful, raising funds for MALGA.

Last June, a special coach trip took many of us to the RHS Head Quarters at Wisley. An extremely enjoyable, social and educational visit. Even the M25 played ball !

In July, we organised Mulbarton Open Gardens when 14 sites were open to the public. The weather was perfect, bringing in 400 plus visitors and enabling us to raise and donate well over £3,000 for the charity Vision Norfolk. Some blind people also attended and enjoyed touching and smelling flowers.

We organised two quizzes (with a growing/plant knowledge theme), held at the World’s End pub twice in the year.

Last September, another Mulbarton Gardener’s Question Time (MGQT), similar to the Radio 4 programme was held in the Jubilee room. Many MALGA members and friends attended, asking numerous questions when our four expert panellists gave excellent advice, help and suggestions. A fun packed evening which was also educational and social!

BBQs were held at the SWAMPS, the Meadows and the Riches sites (combined with Oakley Park North and South allotments) – an opportunity to befriend other Mulbarton allotment holders.

Once again, MALGA wish to thank Mulbarton Parish Council for all their devotion and hard work, enabling the village allotments to be run efficiently and safely.

Chris Samson (Chair MALGA)