

REPORT OF NORTH WEST COUNTIES FORUM

**Hosted by AMAS at Heaton Park Manchester
Sunday 9th February 2014**

Our Chairman opened the meeting with a welcome to all, especially the new representatives from other areas within our region stating how pleasing it was to see the interest and passion for Allotments greatly improving in this region with 9 Federations as well as 6 Associations present and apologies from 9 he hoped this would continue in the future.

No these are not minutes just a small report to give you some insight into the work that is under taken on your behalf by the North West Counties Allotment Association, County Body and Regional Panel 3 of the National Allotment Society.

Andy Percival Our Regional rep reported on various issues ongoing within the region, one of these relating to Leases being offered to associations' going Self Managed to the appointment of Trustees from which developed a very interesting discussion, yes it is all about the passing on of good practice. There will be more information on Trusteeship coming your way so watch this space.

Our ADI mentor gave his update on his work with the various Councils seeking help with in the passing over of Allotments to Town and Parish Councils some regions still not completed their handovers as work load is still on the increase, with one area alone having 18 sites and only 5 sites members of the National Society.

Many more topics were discussed during the forum from Site Insurance, Management Systems for Allotments Funding Bids and this years NAS Annual General Meeting coming to Blackpool, this is a Honour for our Region

**It would be wrong of me not to thank our Hosts AMAS and there team for proving a excellent buffet and a great venue
Thank you to all**

**Sorry you missed it, as it is your chance to discuss and air your views within the Allotment Family in the North West.
Because YES we missed YOU.**

**Yours
Alan Hull
Chairman NWCAA**