

Updates from the United Kingdom

Prestigious International Award for Carterton Allotments



(photo left to right) Mike Alcock, Secretary – Phil Gomersall, President, NAS – Garry Collicutt, Chairman – Town Mayor, Cllr Martin McBride.

A Diploma for innovative activities was awarded to Swinbrook Allotments, Carterton from the Office International du Coin de Terre et des Jardins Familiaux, the international allotment organisation with members throughout Europe and Japan in Kortrijk (B) on 25th August 2018.



Swinbrook Allotments

The opportunity to be awarded a diploma is open to all member sites of the National Allotment Society. The prestigious award is granted by a panel of international judges and the allotment site must fulfil criteria laid down for the award and submit a presentation of how this was achieved and confirmed by a letter of commendation from the National Allotment Society.

Phil Gomersall the rather flamboyant President of the National Allotment Society who represents Gt Britain at the International Allotments Office, travelled to Carterton to present the Diploma to Garry Collicut the Chairman of Swinbrook Allotments, at Carterton Town Hall in the Presence of the Town Mayor, Cllr Martin McBride.



New site in Carterton.

Also present at the presentation was the Regional Representative of the National Allotment Society Jenny Crawford and a good number of allotmenters from the site.

Following the presentation Phil Gomersall and Jenny Crawford were shown around the allotment site by Mike Alcock, Swinbrook Allotments Secretary and the Mayor to see first-hand all the innovative activities the site was involved with. It is a very popular site with over 30 people on the waiting list.

They were also shown one of the two new allotment sites being developed in Carterton as part of a building development.

President of National Allotment Society receives British Empire Medal for services to Horticulture in Yorkshire

Phil Gomersall was very proud to be awarded the British Empire Medal for services to Horticulture by the Queen's representative to Yorkshire the Lord Lieutenant Mr Ed Anderson at Bowcliffe Hall on Tuesday 23rd October 2018.



Phil Gomersall with medal and accompanied by his wife Janet.

There were 13 other BEM and 1 OBE recipients at the awards ceremony. In attendance also was the Vice Lord Lieutenant and 10 Deputy Lieutenants including Sir Gary Verity.

A very pleasant ceremony it was too.

For more information see info flash from 19th June and 30th August 2018.