



The National Allotment Society

National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Ltd

To: All Affiliated Members

October 2020

Annual General Meeting and Conference Saturday 12th June 2021

The 2021 Annual General Meeting of the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Ltd will be held on Saturday 12th June 2021. Following the AGM there will be the opportunity of a visit to Kings Seeds.

The Location

The Marks Tey Hotel is ideally located just four miles from Colchester. When you stay at this lovely hotel near Colchester, you'll be a brushstroke away from the painterly landscapes of Constable Country

Whilst Colchester is famously Britain's 'oldest recorded town', the town is also a historical record holder in many other ways. Impressively, Colchester is home to Britain's largest surviving Roman Gateway (The Balcerne Gate) and Europe's largest surviving Norman Keep. The Colchester Castle Museum explains all of these facts in exemplary detail and gives visitors a real sense of town's historical significance.

With such a rich and vibrant history, it's no surprise that hidden in the depths of the town's past there is a wealth of intriguing facts and hidden treasures for you to discover.

The Venue

Marks Tey Hotel - London Road, Marks Tey, Colchester, CO6 1DU, United Kingdom

Website: <https://www.marksteyhotel.co.uk/>

Telephone: +44 1206 210001

Email: info@marksteyhotel.co.uk

This superb Colchester accommodation offers comfortable bedrooms - not to mention its own swimming pool, gym and spa, with free parking and free WiFi available throughout.

With the Marks Tey railway station on the hotel's doorstep, you can travel to and from central London inside an hour via direct rail link. The Marks Tey is conveniently placed adjacent to the A12 with excellent transportation links to East Anglia, London and the M25.

As this Essex hotel is not too far from the South Coast, it makes a great base for a day out too.

Although we cannot recommend any specific hotel, we have negotiated the following room rates with the Marks Tey for NAS members, these rates are available for bookings made before 10th April 2021:

£85.00 BB rate single occupancy	£105.00 DBB rate single occupancy
£95.00 BB rate double occupancy	£125.00 DBB rate double occupancy

When booking your hotel please quote the National Allotment Society to enjoy this reduced rate.

For alternative accommodation, please visit Tourist Information - <https://www.visitcolchester.com/>
Additional information including places of interest, local allotments offering open days and things to do will be published on the NAS website www.nsalg.org.uk prior to the AGM.

NAS delegates will be offered morning refreshments as well as a 2-course hot & cold buffet lunch, any dietary requirements should be included on the Delegate form.

The Excursion

We are delighted to advise that Kings seeds have offered to host a visit to their farm of some 300 acres, where they have been selecting and maintaining seed stocks for over a hundred years. Kings are unique in that they are the last surviving wholesale horticultural seed merchant in the country.

From their site they supply seed to commercial growers of flowers and vegetables, wholesale to large users of seed and to the home gardener through our seed packets. Whichever type of customer Kings are supplying they all have one thing in common; they all receive the same fine quality seed.

Full details of the visit and tour will be confirmed closer to the AGM.

Delegate and Proxy Forms

Delegate and Proxy forms will be circulated to members, in issue 1 2021 of the Allotment and Leisure Gardener. When returned only original copies will be accepted and not photocopies.

Nominations

If you would like to nominate anyone for the following offices, it must be in accordance with the Rules by filling out a nomination form. Nomination forms are available on request, please contact Head Office at natsoc@nsalg.org.uk all forms must be received at the Head Office address by **4th January 2021**.

Nominations for Regional Representatives, to serve on the Management Committee:

South East	For a three-year period	South West	For a three-year period
Southern	For a three-year period	Wales	For a three-year period

Nominations must be signed by two Members and the Secretary of the nominating organisation, or, any Individual or Life member clearly stating the full name and address of the person nominated. In the case of Regional Representatives, nominations shall be made only by members residing in the region.

Nominations by individual or life members must be submitted in their name only and not under the heading of a society. Candidates shall supply to Head Office written confirmation of their willingness to serve by **4th January 2021**.

Nominations for Local Authority Representative

If you would like to nominate anyone for the following offices, it must be in accordance with the Rules, and should be received at the Head Office address in writing, by **4th January 2021**.

We require two Local Authority Representatives.

Nominations to serve on the Governance Committee (former Standing Orders):

We require three nominations for the Governance Committee:

One nomination	For a two-year period	One nomination	For a one-year period
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Society Honorary Awards Explained

Honorary Life Member:

- Nominee must be in continuous membership of the nominating Society for at least 10 years and the nominating Society should be a member of the NAS for at least 5 years.
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- The Nominee should have been in continuous membership of the NAS for at least 10 years
- The nominating Society/individual should provide written evidence of dedication, loyalty and achievements over the past 10 years.
- Management Committee can accept a nomination if they consider that exceptional circumstances exist.
- Nominations shall be submitted to the Management Committee for consideration.

Honorary Life Vice-Presidency

- Awarded in recognition of service to the allotment movement at national level.
- Nominations should be forwarded to Head Office by 2nd January for recommendation by the Management Committee and approval at Conference.

Fellowship Award:

- The nominee must have been honoured by their local or regional society with a life membership award or be a life member prior to their nomination.
- The nominating Society/individual should provide written evidence of work done by the nominee over at least the past 10 years and should specifically show how the NAS has benefited from these achievements.
- The Nominee should have been in continuous membership of the NAS for at least 15 years. The Management Committee may accept a shorter qualifying service/membership requirement in exceptional circumstances.
- Nominations shall be submitted to the Management Committee via the regional panel who will signify their approval to the award.

Jim Tandy Memorial Award

This award is presented by Kings Seeds to a Society or individual who has contributed most to the National Allotment Movement in the last 12 months.

- The person nominated must meet the criteria of the Fellowship Award (unless special circumstances prevail).
- Comprehensive information submitted detailing the work carried out on behalf of the NAS at a national or regional level, during the previous 12 months.

Geoff Stokes Memorial Award

This award has been created in recognition of Geoff's contribution to the growth and success of the Society during his employment as Company secretary from 1998-2010.

- The recipient of this award will have made exceptional personal contribution to the Society at either a local or national level.

Awards

Honorary Life Vice Presidents

Recommendation of such persons, who have rendered outstanding service to the Society at national level, in accordance with Section B5 of the Standards and Procedures, accompanied by a statement giving the reasons for suitability.

The Geoff Stokes Memorial Award

Recommendation of such persons, who have rendered outstanding personal service to the Society at either local or national level.

Jim Tandy Award

Nominations of individuals or societies who have contributed most to the allotment movement during the previous year to be received by Head Office by **4th January 2021** to include detailed information of the work carried out.

Motions:

In accordance with Section D of the Standards and Procedures motions must be received at Head Office by **4th January 2021**. The preliminary agenda, containing all motions, will be circulated by 5th February 2021 and amendments to motions must be received at Head Office by **9th March 2021**.

To avoid Motions/Nominations being rejected due to late receipt; please ensure that you allow ample time for your post to be processed during the Christmas period.

The Annual Report with the final agenda will be circulated by 14th May 2021.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Irwin', written in a cursive style.

John Irwin
Chairman