



BAACIO Newsletter – JULY 2026

If you have information that you feel members and associate members would benefit from, please email the BAACIO email with items for inclusion in the next update. Thank you.

News and Updates:

Admin : We currently have 6 Trustees, we wish to thank George Harte and Hayley Lorimer for all their support as trustees, and we are sorry to see them step down as Trustees. A huge thanks goes to George who has supported the allotment as a committee member and then as a Trustee for over 10 years. We are always looking for new trustees to join us. We realise time commitment is a concern, so we have streamlined the way we meet and manage responsibilities, in the hope to attract more members. If interested, please email us.

The tenancy agreement has been updated and streamlined following on from member's survey feedback. We will have a guide book and simplified tenancy agreement. These will be updated on the website later in the year and a link to them included in the invoice in October.

Remember 2/8/26 local race that will affect roads and access.

Water pressure concern – some plot holders raised concern on water pressure. It has been tested and it is at reasonable levels. However, we do urge during extreme heat to be considerate to others, when hosepipes are used to fill water tanks it really drains the pressure. Please only top up your tank, don't try and fill completely in one go or during high times.

Water bans – there isn't one in place by Yorkshire water, however some regions in the south have begun to place restrictions so please do be aware of water usage and if any restrictions are implemented during the summer we will update you.

Extreme weather – please take care with your plot and yourself during extreme weather. If you are struggling, please let us know and we will see if we can help.

When you email or contact us include your full name and plot number so we can action the query faster. Thank you.



Boundaries who responsible ? please note member's boundaries are responsibility of the members to maintain and manage between you and your neighbours. If you have any difficulties, we are happy to help, just email us.

High vehicle access – If you need to open the bar to drive in with a van, there is a safe lock key behind the gate. Please email us and we can share that with you.

Bar is unlocked, opened on one side to drive in and then please put back and return the key.

Huge thanks to the trustees and volunteers that helped obtain the grant for the improvements to the polytunnels on site for the growth of plants. In spite of Storm Dave and heatwaves the works have been mostly completed, with just a few tweaks left to carry out. This was awarded by Micklegate ward and City of York Council. It will reduce water wastage, reduce volunteer hours and reduce plant loss. The plants we grow on site have a positive impact on running the site and reducing carbon footprint.

Tesco Grant opportunities being explored and an additional grant from CYC to help with our ongoing tree maintenance schedules.

We are still without a secretary; we are going to trial outsourcing some key admin responsibilities.

- Members ask if we do a seed swap ? We currently don't, however, does anyone want to set one up? If so let us know and we can put members in touch with each other

Bustardthorpe Allotment Shop (now renamed as The Hub)

Plants have been flying off the table thanks for all your support, payment with QR has been very well received, cash payment or transfer is still an option . Payment options – we now have a card reader if you don't have cash and don't want to use the QR code. Let us know how you got on with the plants you purchased and what you would like to have available for next growing season. We can't promise but we will do our best.

Community events and activities: working parties have been put on a back burner to allow members to enjoy their plots we will begin to pick this up in autumn, please do join in as it makes managing the site much easier, to carry



out some minor maintenance, we also have volunteers keeping on top of community areas.

Drop in session planned for summer to chat to trustees and other volunteers. Details to follow.

Also, a reminder that the existing BUNTON CUP and Awards winners will be having a look around the site along with the lettings officer to see who the winners will be this year.

For newbies – the awards are as follows:

- Brunton Cup 1st & 2nd & 3rd Chosen by current BC1 Prize holder.
- Highly Commendable – chosen by current BC 1 Prize holder.
- Best Newcomer – Chosen by our lettings officer.

Bunton Cup 1st and 2nd receive a cup and cash prize, 3rd a cash prize. This year we are increasing the value and changing it from a cash prize to a voucher you can use at the Hub valid 12 months.

Judging can take place any time during the summer and will be finalised in October, with the winners being announced at our AGM, usually in March.

Facebook group – we have a team of volunteers who are going to help us keep our socials up to date. [\(20+\) Bustardthorpe Allotments Assos CIO | Facebook](#). Please join. See QR in shop to join .

Volunteers: additional volunteers are always welcome – just drop a line to the Bustardthorpe email address. We have received a generous offer from Aviva employees to use their volunteers' hrs for the allotment. If your organization offers a similar CSR (corporate social responsibility) then maybe, consider using it for the allotment now we are a registered charity.

Volunteers hours – April to June 230 hrs approx. (total so far 680hrs). Thank you to all the volunteers helping to maintain the site and keep The Hub open.



Site update works Carried out around the site:

- Tree survey carried out – plotting all trees above 8 mts to begin monitoring them on an annual basis. Carried out by volunteers.
- The 2 polytunnels have undergone improvements in past few months (mostly completed), thanks to the grant money received from the Micklegate ward last year and volunteers on site.
- Storm Dave damage – some storm damage on site, however nothing too severe.
- Ash tree trim (near plot 80) carried out.
- Grass cutting and hedge trimming. Please help us by keeping track side clear and letting us know if any areas are not trimmed or cut so we can pass on the information to the supplier (please email a photo of the area and the nearest plot number).

Pending /Ongoing works on site

- 115b piggery – on hold as we have nesting swallows.
- Plot 62 drainage works will be carried out during the next few months, this may cause access restrictions to surrounding plots, however we will inform those affected prior to works commencing.
- Pruning some trees on site on site and boundary trees.
- Putting up a wind sock on site to help manage fire planning

All the above carried out by volunteers, thank you for all those involved.

Finance updates : January to June 26 actuals v budget. We are on target for year end. Invoices will be emailed in October, payment early December. This year we will not be accepting cash payment for rents. Only bank transfer or cheques. If you wish to pay by cash, you will need to visit a Post Office or Lloyds Bank to make a deposit. Clear details will be available in the invoice.

We have 2 separate accounts, one for the site , one for the shop.



BAACIO SUMMARY JAN 26 TO DEC 26				Budget 26
	Code	Receipts	Total	
	01	Rents	£ 1,083	£ 13,533
	02	Donations	£ 275	£ 619
	03	Fundraising & Awards	£ -	£ 980
	04	Shop Sales	£ 3,517	£ 6,270
	05	Plant Sales	£ -	£ 1,705
	06	Keys	£ 70	£ -
	07	Courses	£ 140	£ -
	08	Other	£ 165	£ -
	09	Deposit for Plots	£ 105	
			£ 5,354	£ 23,107
	Code	Payment	Total	
ADMIN	07	1 - Admin & Office Cost	£ 85	£ 1,163
	17	1 - Deposit Plot Refunds	£ -	£ -
	09	1 - Meetings & AGM	£ 248	£ 100
	11	1 - Professional Fees	£ 350	£ 200
	12	1 - Rent Refunds	£ -	£ -
	18	1 - Website & Comms & Branding	£ 200	£ 200
STOCK	05	2 - Shop Stock	£ 5,261	£ 6,208
	06	2 - Plant Stock	£ 26	£ 867
RUNNING COST	19	3 - Equipment	£ 320	£ 700
	01	3 - Insurance	£ 696	£ 1,130
	10	3 - Keys Refunds	£ -	£ -
	08	3 - Portaloo Costs	£ 1,244	£ 2,222
	16	3 - Refreshments	£ -	£ 210
	02	3 - Water charges	£ -	£ 1,130
SITE MGNT	14	4 - External Labour & Contractors	£ -	£ 250
	13	4 - Plot Repairs inc structure repairs	£ 3,256	£ 4,600
	04	4 - Site Maintenance & Repairs	£ 2,244	£ 5,650
	03	4 - Tree Management	£ 260	£ 850
OTHER	15	5 - Other (prizes, insurance claim, bank charges)	£ 145	£ 191
			£ 14,336	£ 25,671

BAACIO Movements YR26 Actual		
Money	Starting	Current
Bank	£15,875	£6,893
Cash	£25	£25
Income	£5,354	
Expenses	£14,336	
Available funds	£6,918	

Stock Update – 1.7.26

Stock cost value £3,975

Stock sale value £5,999

Stock estimated profit £2,024

Estimated Hub sales £6-8k

The Hub bank movements

Month	IN	OUT	Balance
January			£0.00
February			£0.00
March			£0.00
April			£0.00
May	£1,811	£0	£1,811
June	£1,042	£0	£2,853

Bustardthorpe Allotments Association Charitable Incorporated Organisation (BAACIO)

Bishopthorpe Road, York, North Yorkshire, YO23 2QA

Registered Charity No: 1211930



Biodiversity and sustainability: we support the importance of biodiversity on the site, and there is more information about that on our website here:

[Conservation | Bustardthorpe Allotments, York](#)

Please let us know what wildlife you have seen on or around your plot, so we can share with members.

Newsletter – January / April / July / October. By email only, available on the website and a copy in the shop and in the main notice board (by the shop). We are also putting up new noticeboards by the shop and the side (racecourse) entrance, to help keep everyone up to date. Please check them regularly.

Any Good news stories ? Let us know

Next update will be October 2026. Thank you on behalf of the Trustees!

July 2026

This newsletter is emailed to all plot holders, associated members and people on the waiting list. A hard copy is available at the shop or seating area and also on our website.

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Thank you.