



Grange Lane Allotments: Application for Committee Membership

Please complete the sections in the box below and send it by email to: Secretary@GrangeLane.com by **Sunday 23rd January**. If you do not have email, your application can be posted in the letter box to the right of the top gate addressed to the Secretary. An email or letter from the person seconding your nomination must also be included.

Name and Plot Number	Sarah Lyness, Plot 150
Committee Position Interested In	Treasurer
Why are you interested in this position? 150 words max	<p>I've had a plot at Grange Lane for 5 years and have seen the enormous pleasure we get from our allotments. I've enjoyed contributing to the running of the site through membership of the committee, including facilitating committee awaydays and helping organise the recent consultation process.</p> <p>I would now like to put myself forward as Treasurer. In this role, I would oversee and manage the smooth running of the Grange Lane finances. Our recent consultation shows that there are many suggestions for improvement of the site, such as improving the paths and installing more eco toilets. I would work with the committee to draw up a budget to pay on-going costs (rent, water etc) while also allocating resources to these site improvements. My approach would be to keep a sensible balance between our income from plot holder fees and spending on on-going costs and site improvements.</p>
What are your relevant skills and experiences? 150 words max	<p>I have extensive budget management experience from my fundraising career in the charity sector (Oxfam and Cancer Research UK) and in higher education (London School of Economics). I regularly set annual income and expenditure budgets to match planned activity, approve costs and track expenditure. I have been involved in many aspects of regulatory compliance including those involved in government contracts, such as audits, risk management, due diligence assessments of suppliers, and value for money strategies.</p> <p>I have strong excel skills, and in particular have experience of presenting financial information in an accessible format to help others understand the finances and to help make good financial decisions. I enjoy working as part of a team, and would bring my financial and analytical skills to the role of Treasurer.</p>

Who is seconding your nomination? (Include both their name and plot number)	Sarah Thurman
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