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The Eastcote Allotment Association was formed by 7 people on Tuesday Aug 27 1940, as a War Time Allotment Association, with a subscription of 1/- (5p).

The ~~first~~ ^{formation} committee meeting was as follows:-

Mr V.E. Croxson (Chairman) Mr V.G. Baker (Vice Chairman)
Mr E.J. Hammond (Secretary) Mr. A. King (Treasurer)
Mr. J. Hardy (Technical Advisor) Mr. H.G. Merrison and
Mr A.C. White (Committee). Mr H. Brown (absent) was also elected to the Committee at that meeting.

The first ^{business} meeting was held on 10th September 1940 when the opening membership 36. The main business was to adopt allotment sites at (a) "Controlled tip", (b) Newnham Avenue (c) The Car Park (d) the Old Orchard (e) Whitby Road.

The first AGM was held on 26 Jan 1941 and attended by 50 members. Mr Croxson was re-elected Chairman and Mr Ridgeon Vice-Chairman.

Mr Hammond resigned as Secretary at a Committee Meeting held at the Clay Pigeon on 13 July 1941, ~~and~~ ^{but} agreed to assist Mr ^{J.S.} Ranger.

During 1941 meetings were held at 33 Sunningdale Avenue and 133 Whitby Road

The first President was Mr Veese^{M.} Woodman, with Mrs E Cross and Mr ^{A.T.} Hurford appointed Vice Presidents on 23 November 1941, when the membership was 166. Subscriptions were raised to 1s 6d and it was reported that a series of lectures by Mr Hardy had to be cancelled abandoned owing to "increase of enemy activities"

On 20th March 1942, it was agreed that the Association's scope should be widened and Mr Ranger prepared a report to the Committee. Thus, the name was changed to the "Eastcote and District Horticultural and Allotment Association. This was formally adopted at a Special General Meeting at the Clay Pigeon on April 12th 1942.

The logo of Thrift was adopted 19 Oct 1942 at Mr Hardy's suggestion.

The AGM, ^{chaired by Mr H H Keswell} was held on 27/11/42 at 129 Field End Rd, Membership was expected to reach 1000.

A Trading sub-committee, ~~was formed~~ ^{Show sub}-committee, Education sub-committee and Social Committee were formed on 14 Dec 1942. By 1943, there were 5 trading centres.

Over 16000 onion plants, 3000 tomato plants and 2000 leek plants were distributed.

The first show was held on 31 July 1943. A Fruit section was formed on ~~25/10/43~~ ^{14/12/44} ~~30/5/44~~; A Finance sub-cttee 8/11/43

80 Members attended the 1944 AGM at which Mr Croxson was presented with a selection of books as a mark of appreciation for his 'valuable work as Chairman since the formation of the Association'

At that meeting, Mrs E. Cross was appointed President in succession to Mr Woodman and Mr TG Cross was elected a Vice-President, in addition to Messrs Crane, Hurford Murch and Tingay.

At that time officers of the Society were appointed, not at the AGM, but at the Committee Meeting next following. In 1944, Mr Ridgeon retired as Vice-Chairman and Mr H. Gilbert was appointed. Mr Aldrich replaced Mr Fleming as Trading Secretary. There were 12 nominations for the 10 vacancies on the Committee, and a ballot took place.

President

V. M. Woodman 23. 11. 41
Mrs E Cross 20. 11. 44

Vice-presidents

Mrs E. Cross 23. 11. 41
A. T. Hurford "
H. H. Kerwell 1942
T. G. Cross 20. 11. 44
Crane "
Murch "
Tungay "

Chairman

V. E. Crosson 27/8/40

Vice-Chairman

V. G. Baker ^{27/8} 1940
Mr. J. Ridgeman 26/1/41
H. Gilbert 20/11/44

Secretary

E J Hammond 27/8/40

J.S. Ranger 13/7/41

Trading Secretary

Fleming

Aldrich 20.11.44

Technical Advisor

J. Hardy 27/8/40