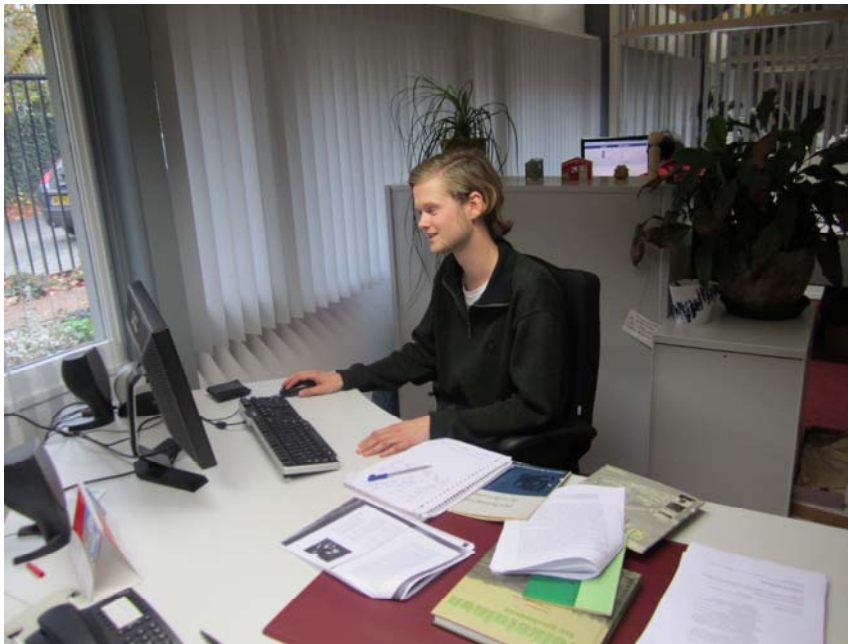


## **Netherlands: Some activities of the allotment gardeners**

### **History AVVN**

A student of the University of Utrecht (Language and Culture Studies) as part of his traineeship writes the history of the Dutch National Allotment Federation AVVN. The information (magazines etc.) the AVVN has, goes back to around 1915.

He expects to finish his report in March 2012.



*(The student Niels Wildschut)*

### **Mini symposium**

The AVVN organised for its member associations a mini symposium on how to make or keep your allotment site safe. A police officer, a district manager on safety and the chairman of a local association explained in what way they cooperate to reduce burglary and vandalism on three allotment sites.

A board member of another association demonstrated a camera system with which they watch over their properties through the internet.

After the introduction a very interesting discussion took place.



*(One of the demonstrations)*

### **Witches, devils and Draculas in Utrecht**

For the children of Utrecht the AVVN organised a Halloween party. The children, with help of their parents, made beautiful Halloween of pumpkins. They also made autumn decoration of leaves and fruits. They could have their face made up. Afterwards many witches, little devils and Dracula's went home with their beautiful lantern and autumn decoration.



*(Part of the witches, little devils and Draculas)*