

At the start of the year all the allotments were taken and there was no waiting list. In March this year notice was given on plot two on Rattlesden Road, this was offered to the tenant on plot two Gedding Road as part of an agreement made when he took over the plot on a temporary basis.

The Gedding Road allotment was advertised with one applicant who subsequently took over the plot. Since then we have been approached by a couple who are about to move into their new home in the village and would like an allotment so they have been put on the waiting list for the next available plot preferably Gedding Road.

The Allotments are self-funding the expenditure for this year was for the water rates [amount not known on writing this] and £220 paid to Tall Trees of Hessest for removing a row of very tall hawthorns. It was considered that the cost of £400 to remove the multi-stemmed Horse Chestnut was too high. At the end of the summer Rattlesden Road Allotments were looking good, but concern was shown over the condition of some of the hedges and blocked ditches on the Gedding Road site due to lack of maintenance for some considerable time. Trustee Michael Lambert led a group of volunteers in an autumn clear up. Many thanks to all those that helped with the clean-up. Thanks to the savings made by not having to employ someone to do this work it was decided that there would be no rise in rents for the following year, however the rents are very low compared to other parishes. Rents will be reviewed for next year.