

Drinkstone Allotments Annual Report year ending 30th April 2019

It has been yet another busy and productive year on both allotment sites. The year started with one allotment vacant on both sites. The plot on Gedding road was soon snapped up. The plot on the Rattlesden Road site is currently being used for saplings by our tree warden until such a time that a new tenant is found. There is at present one person on the waiting list for an allotment on Gedding Road.

Gedding Road.

The foot bridge leading on to Chapel lane had rotted and needed replacing, The wood was purchased from Clarkes of Walsham and our thanks go to allotment holder Phil Greaves who expertly carried out the work.

Allotment holders have worked together and donated a very smart sturdy shed to the site. This shed is not only to store tools etc but the main reason is to create shelter and relaxation a wooden pew had been installed for added comfort.

Rattlesden Road.

Early in the year it was discovered that urgent maintenance was required to the fencing, most of the posts were rotted and because of this allotment holders were being plagued by rabbits and Muntjac deer. Funds were very low but thanks to Councillor Penny Otten's Locality Grant of £276.18 the materials for the job were purchased and the labour carried out by the allotment holders who have made a fantastic job of making the allotments secure and tidy again.

It was agreed by the trustees that for the 2018 season that hand held hoses could again be used but careful monitoring needed to be made on water consumption. The drought did cause a considerable increase in water use at £282.21 It has been agreed that hoses can again be used for the 2019 season as long as costs can be met and strictly no sprinklers to be used.

Negotiation took place in June with UK Power networks which resulted in an annual increase in wayleave from approx. £60 to £107.41.

The starting Balance for the year 01.05.18 to 30.04.19 was £54.05 closing balance £321.29

This is my final report as trustee as I am standing down from the Council. My thanks to my fellow Trustees and allotment holders for all your help and support over the past four years. I trust you will give the same support to Mr Edmondson..... who is taking over as trustee and Councillor responsible for the Allotments.

Christine Lambert