

## Allotment Report

August 2025

Further to the previous discussions regarding the fencing of the allotments at Gedding Road. I can report that a firm quotation of £2735.00 + vat has been received from Andrew Long. A new second quotation has not been obtained but a recalculation of the previous quote from John Tarling has been made by Peter Holborn. The reason for this is that:

Competitive quotes for Gedding Road were obtained in Nov 2024, but for a different specification. The specification is now for a reduced height. Contractors are reluctant to quote again as they feel they have already engaged in a competitive quotation for both Rattlesden Road and Gedding Road and have lost out to Andrew Long so any quotation given is merely for price checking purposes, and they are unlikely to secure the business. The alternative quotation for Gedding Road, came from John Tarling. Peter has adjusted John Tarling's quotation downwards in line with the reduced height and hence reduced material. The material costs are readily available on the internet so can be assumed as accurate. This calculation indicates that Andrew Long's quotation for Gedding Road represents the best value for money, at £2735 compared to estimated John Tarling at £4,356.35.

The calculations for this are shown below made by Peter Holborn.

Quote comparisons for Gedding Road Allotments Fencing.

In order to make a fair comparison I show below a breakdown of the materials costs I have gained from the internet for the two different specifications contractors were asked to quote against.

John Tarling 17 Nov 2024    £5047.35

Original specification on which materials are estimated as follows:

Netting HT13/120/7.5 3 x 50 m rolls £263ea	£789.00
Rabbit netting £35 per 50m roll x3	£105.00
Strainers 2.4 150-175mm peeled cundy £52x 15	£780.00
Intermediates 2.1 75-100mm £12.50 x 20	£250.00
Plain wire 2.5mm 250m	£ 50.00
Gates posts:2.4m x175 x175 2 no.	£100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,074.00</b>

Revised specification on which materials are estimated as follows:

Netting R10/90/80 3x 50m rolls £206 ea	£618.00
Strainers 1.8m 150-175 peeled cundy £45 x1	£495.00
Intermediates 1.5m 75-100 £11 x £20	£220.00
Plain wire 2.5mm x 250m	£50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,383.00</b>

The difference in the material costs between the 2 specifications is £691 i.e £2,074 less £1,383.

If you adjust the original John Tarling's quote of £5,047.35 by the reduction in revised material costs the Tarling quote stands at £4,356.35. This compares to Andrew Long's quote of £2,735.00

On this basis the preferred solution is the Andrew Long quotation (Sapphire) who undertook the Rattlesden Road fencing.

A resident survey of those overlooking the area has been carried out. To my knowledge only one reply has been received in which there were no objections to the proposed works. No other replies were received and deadline for consultation was end of July 2025.

In view of the above I would ask that consideration be given to the above and a decision made whether to approve the quote given by Andrew Long at a cost of £2735.00+ vat.

Malcolm Turner