

## Allotment End of Year Report

I have been one of the Allotment officer's for the past year, working with Cllr Jerry Voden firstly then with Cllr John Hayward, during the year we have completed checks of all Allotments, had a meeting with the Allotment holders, created a newsletter and had a Clear Up Day in March so people could get rid of items they no longer needed.

We have some new tenants now too as some tenants gave up at the end of the year.

We intend to have a meeting with the tenants every September and keep in touch via newsletters, if we need to inform the tenants of anything we will contact them and call another meeting.

We are in the middle of working to have an area on the Allotments for group use and to share tools, it has also been suggested that we have a polytunnel so everyone could have a space to propagate seeds.

We have not heard anything further regarding the Taylor Wimpey development at the rear of the allotments and have promised to keep the Allotment tenants informed.

There has always been requests for water to be put on the Allotment land but as the land is not owner by the Parish Council this cannot be done.

We did speak to the allotment owners about creating a communal area to erect a building and a compostable toilet at the site. I have since been informed that one of the allotment holders would be interested in putting a team together to erect the if other allotment holders are interested in helping. We have also had an offer of a rotavator to be donated for everyone to use. We have also had a suggestion that we become an Allotment Association too.

For the future, as there will be elections on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023 we hope that the new Councillors we continue to complete checks with the Parish Clerk to make sure that all allotments are being farmed and not getting overgrown. They will need to carry on the work for the communal area and agree meetings.

Cllr Donna Bridges