

Allotment Advisory Group
Meeting Notes
12th May 2022

1. Plots Updates

Most plots now being cultivated with the exception of No.23, with the straw bales. There has been some activity and therefore it was agreed to give them a little more time.

2. Plot 6 – Jean Day

Martin the handyman maintains and cultivates this plot of Jean's behalf, however, he has decided that he no longer want to do it.

Jean has not managed the plot herself or been out to it for 2-3 years and is sadly no longer able to garden.

Mark suggested that we could offer it to Ukranian families but it is not known if there are any living in the village.

There are 3 Buckden residents on the waiting list and Sarah pointed out that we do not know their situation or whether they need to grow vegetables to help with their own financial situation.

It was decided that we should ask Martin to put it in writing and to inform Jean that he no longer wishes to manage the plot. Once we have that we will approach Jean and decide on the best way forward.

3. Rabbits

We appear to have a family of rabbits living under the Handymen's shed. Whilst we would like to be able to do something to stop them coming on to the allotments it was generally felt that we just have to put up with them and share our produce. Sarah and Rosie will research rabbit deterrents and put something in the newsletter so that individual plot holders can decide themselves if they are a problem.

4. Community Area

The handymen have now almost cleared the bank along the side of the community area.

Rosie and Sarah will go along to River Lane Nursery to purchase 2 or 3 fruit trees on dwarf root stock. Sarah to inform Ramune.

5. AOB

Rosie thinks that the school are struggling keep on top of their plot. Caroline pointed out that they are very busy at school and still recovering from the last 2 years. Caroline will ask the school if they would like help with the weeding. If they do then it will go in the newsletter to let other plot holders know the situation and if they would like to help then 10-15mins weeding would be very much appreciated.

Sarah and Rosie will both do some weeding whenever there is time.

Mark informed us that the allotment neighbour that complained about a bonfire on the site had their own bonfire at the weekend that blew thick smoke across the allotments.

DONM – to be agreed