

Allotment report – 2nd October 2023

a. Plot allocation update

We now have two plots available and no one on the waiting list. It might be useful to advertise the allotments in the Buckden newsletters and on the Buckden Facebook page.

b. Plot condition

Regular plot inspections are held, and communications sent to those whose plots are not well tended. More details are available for Parish Councillors on request.

c. 2024 / 2025 Budget Planning

The Allotment Advisory Group has submitted its proposals for projects to be considered and potentially implemented during 2023 through 2024. These include:

General Maintenance & Repairs

- Pest Control Contractor for ongoing rat management.
- General Maintenance & Repairs.
- Skip / Waste Disposal budget.
- National Allotment Association membership.

Ongoing Projects

- Weed membrane to cover vacated plots to prevent weeds.
- Prize money for the "Best Kept Allotment".
- Support for clearing plots so we don't have expect volunteers to clear vacated plots.
- Improving the A1 boundary by planting Pyracantha shrubs (or similar)
- A small budget for the continuation of the Community plot.

Future projects

- Poly tunnel for growing seeds by plot holders who don't have access to a green house.
- Eco toilet to improve health and hygiene facilities at the Allotments for plot holders.
- Front fence replacement as it needs repair / replacement.

Other possible projects.

- Installing a defibrillator in the allotment car park on the existing wooden shed for emergency use by plot holders and Silverstreet residents.