

Patch Allotment Report October 2025

Rentals

Invites have been suspended until after November 10th. The cut-off date for rent payments, after which a clear picture of how many plots should be available. The recent set of invites has had a good uptake with several plots let and several new tenants. Including some willing to wait until the plot/s are released at the end of the rent year. The actual rent collection is going reasonably well, with only a few late payments outstanding.

Currently there are 10 vacant plots, and the waiting list stands at 24.

Currently there are 8 outstanding rent payments, around 250GBP, all of whom are notorious for being late and last gasp payments.

Plot inspections.

The regular monthly reviews have continued and several warnings have been issued.

AdvantEdge System

The new database software system has been used to provide printed rent letters this year. The view is that going forward, tenants will receive rent letters by email unless they opt for a hard copy.

Future Capital projects

P Nash will contact Ware fence to obtain Quotes to replace the roadway gate supports and to further extend the security fence around the site.

Committee personnel with contacts with tradespeople who can assist with repairs on site will contact the trades for quotes to:-

Repair/replace the hut roof.

Repair/replace the toilet roof and damp damaged rear wall.

Seek information from trades to repair recent vandalism damage to the CCTV system.

Seek information from scout sources to ask for quotes to create a hard standing carpark area beside the bee enclosure with a view to connecting to the rear “pathway” to prevent winter swamp like conditions.

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WATER

Since fitting the “tap locks” the water consumption has dropped dramatically.

The committee unlock the standpipes on request to permit the refilling of water butts from the standpipes and locks them again when complete.

FIRE RISK

The ban on bonfires has now been lifted, with the existing restrictions still in place.

OPEN DAY

This year’s open day was not as well attended as previous years events. Partly due to the same weekend coincided with several other local events and the promotion of the open day could have been better.

Patch Allotment Association.