

Estates Management Report to AGM 2023 : Wayne Lawrence

Fence

The fence had to be replaced at the exit end. This took a fair bit of debate due to the obvious cost and privacy issues. However after a number of quotes, it was agreed that chain-link and hedge planting was the best solution for the money and durability, the preferred option of Broadlands. Thanks to Alf for meeting and sorting the contractor and to Rob who arranged the plants, some of which were donated. Planting was dense due to privacy concerns of adjacent plot holders.

Christmas trees dumped

We had a large amount of Christmas trees dumped on site after Christmas. These were quickly removed after a post on Facebook with apologies from those that left them.

Road repairs

Some quick thinking led us to have some very cheap road plannings. We paid for one load at about £40 and ended up with 3 loads.. A big thanks to Gemma and the team of volunteers who spent to hot days laying the plannings and getting a good way around the plot, especially Thomas for the machinery.

Pumps

Thanks to the group of volunteers who help fix and maintain the pumps.

Hedge cutting and grass cutting

Vince has spent many years now cutting the grass that runs along the allotment's roads and keeping the hedges at the entrance at bay. Thanks for keeping this tidy.

Woodchip/Manure

We've had a fair bit of wood chip but not so much manure. I've possibly found another supplier of manure but need to contact them again.

Water leak

Big thanks to Rob who sorted the water leak, negotiating with the water company and Broadlands. It was eventually fixed thanks to his persistence.

Dobies

We carry on with the same discount that Denise sorted many years ago. The new discount code is Unique Group Order Code: SUGD244K

Here's an update on how your group membership has worked this year:

1. Number of members who placed orders = 28
2. Number of individual orders received = 36
3. Value of Seed Orders after discount = £569.16
4. Value of all Orders after discount = £912.64
5. Retrospective Group Discount = £76.94