Allotment Society

Report for the Parish Council

May 2023

Currently we have 25 members, with 20 full plots and 9 half plots leased out. We have no waiting list, but there are no further plots available unless we can clear some of the brambles and blackthorn in the wilderness areas. We have made a start to clear it on one side, but it is very time consuming and progress is very slow. If we can finish this side, it would make another 3 plots available. But we will need to modify the site layout plan to make them accessible and prevent the brambles from spreading.

The other side needs much more work as the brambles have spread much further and I think we will need some mechanical intervention. This could yield a further 4 plots. It is pleasing to have so many members but some of the plots which are leased out are rarely tended. Things have improved but we still have a long way to go for the site to look fully under cultivation.

The last winter has seen an increase in rodent activity and there are rodent holes all over the site. Rabbits and rats are the main culprits but we often have visits from Muntjac deer. Every plot holder has some sort of deterrent system so few members are put off by these intrusions. Overall, I would say that the site is improving and we have more keen members than in the past.

*Frank Ashurst*

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