

Eynsham Allotment Association

Annual Report - October 2020

Welcome to the annual report for Eynsham Allotments

Given coronavirus this will be a brief annual report.

This year is different. Everyone and every organisation has been distracted by coronavirus. Your committee stopped having actual meetings and instead most of the committee work has been conducted by email. To ensure we did things as correctly as possible, both in terms of legal and social consequences, we took our guidance from national allotment bodies.

Plot letting was halted completely during the period of full lockdown and once that period ended it took some time to get plot letting restarted. The good news is we have nearly every plot fully let. Also there is still a waiting list of around 20 potential plotholders. Given our normal waiting list is around 5 or 6 people it is good to see such a strong interest in growing plants.

To make life easier with covid and its consequential stress we cancelled the annual best kept plot competition. That said many plots have been in a very healthy state and indeed the site has arguably never been healthier. We have had lots of sunny days and, for those people who spent time on their plot, this has not only been good for their plants but also provided good access to Vitamin D, exercise and socially distanced space.

The rent will be held with no change this year.

This is my last year as your chairman and I thank you for supporting me through my seven years. I am working with the committee to ensure a smooth handover.

I hope as 2021 dawns that life and the allotments will increasingly return to normal and indeed a good future.

Andy Swarbrick, Chair