

## **MILL LANE ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PARISH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2022**

2022 got off to a good start with most plots ready for planting early in the year.

At the beginning of 2022, we had all but two plots occupied with tenants.

The waiting list had no one on it at that time, so we placed an advertisement in the Parish Magazine asking interested people to get in touch.

By the end of the year five or six people were on the list.

At the time of writing this report, I can advise that all plots are now occupied and that we still have a waiting list of four names. The new tenants have all made an energetic start and I am sure that they will soon begin to reap the benefits of having an allotment.

During 2022 we had two main working parties that got to grips with certain maintenance projects around the site.

We were able to construct three new rainwater collection points and install some new tanks for water storage. We now have the capacity to store up to 16,000 litres of collected rainwater around the site. These new water collection points were only possible due to us being granted some funds by the PC & DC during 2021, for which we would thank those authorities for.

One of the work parties allowed us to make use of the new electric tools that we had purchased last year, and we found them to be a great help in getting the site clear and tidy from the previous winter. We have been able to keep our hedges in good order, and the ground trimmed much more easily since the acquisition of the new machinery.

The return of the members BBQ (The first since the Covid pandemic) was very well supported with the largest turnout of members for many years taking advantage of the good weather, good food and convivial company.

The very hot and dry summer played havoc with some crops, and our ability to use stored rainwater was something of a blessing during those dry summer months. None the less, many plot holders were bemoaning the effect that the high temperatures had on their crops.

At the same time, others reported a very good year for sweet peppers, chillis and Aubergines to name but a few.

We held our first AGM since the Covid pandemic in November, where the old committee was reinstated along with a couple of new members. We look forward to benefitting from their input over the course of the next year.

I would finish by once again thanking the Parish and District Councils for their continued support over the past twelve months.

For and on behalf of Mill Lane Allotment Committee.

M J Wiseman  
Association Secretary.