

Launton Allotments 2019

This was a difficult end to the year for Launton Plotters Committee as we lost our much loved Treasurer Nick Hackett to cancer. He is very sorely missed by many. Thank you to all in the village who gave their support, kind words and flowers.

Otherwise things were again much the same as last year: with many plotters still uncertain of what will happen to their plots when Network Rail starts its programme of works early 2020. However we have been assured that we will have the whole of 2019 for cultivation. The uncertainty is around how many plots will be affected for the approx. 2 ½ year period of works.

We again lost a number of plotters last year and are keeping some of the vacated plots empty for the use of those who will be displaced during the works. A number of plots will be permanently out of use due to the land Network Rail is taking. Therefore we are not taking any new tenants, we will however still take names for the waiting list as it is possible some plots unaffected by the works will come free in the future.

As in previous years we have had the communal equipment (which has been well used) serviced, but did not have the hedges trimmed due to the Network Rail upcoming works.

We decided that it would be useful to for the Plotters to be on Facebook, so Committee members Wendy Foster and Jenny Grieve set up a Launton Plotters Facebook page for us. We can share hints and tips and photos of all our hard work as well as posting any events or occurrences. The page is a closed group and can only be accessed with permission from Wendy or Jenny

We had wonderful weather with 2018 being the joint hottest on record, wonderful that is for sitting about under a parasol with a nice glass of beer or chilled wine. Not so nice for working in the sun down at the allotment. We have never seen so many plotters out so early in the morning tending and watering plots before it got too hot!! Nevertheless many of us had fantastic crops, with runners, courgettes and tomatoes the top crops.

The plotters again gave their support to the Launton Village Fete with lots of helpers on the day. The veg plants (especially tomatoes) and tombola went well and the carrot game, as always was a hit with the children. Thanks to all who helped.