

Launton Plotters APM report 2024

The allotments are managed by a volunteer committee who meet every 3 months. We now have 74 plots, some of them merged into double plots, worked by 46 plotters. There are 6 on our waiting list with 1 from Launton.

EWB handed the plots back to us last Autumn after extensive works to alleviate flooding on the plots nearest the embankment. This has been mostly very successful with only 2 of the new plots still suffering extensive flooding. The rest of the plots and pathways especially on the main side, but also to a lesser extent on the organic side have also been very wet due to the incessant rain, hopefully we are entering a drier phase and Plotters with sodden plots can get going. The 2023 growing season was fairly fruitful for most plotters, hopefully we will have a better 2024.

We have added a new water trough for the new plots (not that it's been needed yet!) and are in the process of constructing 3 or 4 small starter plots out of one very large plot. If this is successful, we may add more starter plots on some unused parts of the allotment. We also have plans to harvest water from the communal shed roof into large tanks. The wildlife hedge we planted along the access road is doing well and should soon provide shelter and habitats. The compost toilet is repaired and well used; this is a really useful facility to have at the allotments.

Our AGM will be held on 16th May at 7.30pm at the allotment with bring and share refreshments, some made from the early harvests including rhubarb and asparagus!

Thank you.

Jackie Hackett Chair Launton Plotters