

Launton Plotters APM report 2025

The allotments are managed by a volunteer committee who meet every 3 months. The committee amongst other duties, mow the communal areas, look after the equipment, ensure water is available and keep the car park and access road tidy.

We now have 75 plots, some of them merged into double plots, some small starter plots all worked by 48 plotters. There are 2 on our waiting list with 1 from Launton.

Since EWR finished works on the allotments in the Autumn of 2023 all of the new plots have been taken. It is encouraging to see all of the activity, with new sheds, raised beds and lots of vegetable and fruit cultivation. Weather wise it was horrendously wet over the winter and then the driest March for years making it difficult for everyone. However many of the older established plots are looking really good with all of the hard work put into improving the soil over the years coming into fruition

We have added 2 new water troughs near the new plots and intend to replace all of the tanks with troughs over the next couple of years. It is easier and quicker to get water from a trough and it is difficult to leave the tap running if there is no tap!! 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. This year we are looking at sourcing a new communal shed.

Our AGM will be held on 5th June 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