

Great Finborough Allotment Association

Report for Parish Council Annual Parish meeting

Monday 12th May 2025 7pm

On the whole we had a good year on the Allotments, despite the rain and the slugs!. The soft fruit and root crops were particularly good. We had a few plot holder changes in the year, but all the plots are now taken. We have three people on the waiting list.

We decided to split one plot into three smaller ones to encourage those who are not sure about having an allotment and want to give it a try, or those who only want a small patch to grow fruit or flowers. A number of allotmentees helped to clear the site etc, including Pete Turner who built the edges to the plots – thank you so much to you all. All three plots were quickly taken so hopefully this will be a success.

In early November we had a workparty to cut back some of the amenity trees and prune the apples, followed by a bonfire and food. Thank you to everyone who turned out to help – it helped share the work and we had fun too. We had a good turnout at the AGM in late November and enjoyed wine and cake!

The Allotment Association's finances are in good shape – we do bit more than break even each year. We currently have a surplus of £1,231, which is being held to cover repairs and replacement equipment and annual insurances and subscription to the National Allotment Association.

We were delighted to be awarded a Locality Grant from Councillor Nick Hardingham through District Councillor John Matthissen to replace the now ancient allotment lawn mower. The new mower is in place and doing good work. Thank you to them both.

Thanks to everyone who have worked so hard and put in many hours to improve the hedgerows, paths, and all the other jobs that get done quietly behind the scenes. And to those who provide tasty food and drink at work parties. Also big thanks to the Parish Council for their help and support.