

Report on Godstone Allotment Association 2023

Since our last report we have, with funding from the Parish Council, erected a fence securing our north boundary and put up a sign at the entrance to the Allotments. In July we opened a bank account with the proceeds from honey sales. We will continue to try to raise funds by selling plants at the Godstone Coffee morning in June. This month we will continue with our plant swap giving plot holders a chance to exchange surplus plants.

Our wish for all plot holders to be members of the Association was realised when the new Tenants Agreement made membership a condition of renting a plot. This is good news, it gets all plot holders on board, so we can all work together in improving our Allotment Garden, and enables us to give support to all plot holders.

The membership of the Association is happy with the Parish Council managing the Allotments however it has been agreed that together we will regularly inspect/monitor the Allotments with them. We are sure we will be able to make a valued input to the day-to-day management, avoiding unattended and uncultivated plots and contributing to the improved condition of the site. We look forward to this new working relationship with the Council.

There has been good news from the developers who are building the two bungalows, they have agreed to give us vehicle access to the Allotments and are prepared to build us a car park for up to 5 cars. They have also agreed to lay a water main up to the Allotment boundary. Thanks to the Parish Council who have negotiated these concessions. We have wanted a water supply for a very long time since the Allotments were created and with support from the Parish Council hope to have access to water in the near future.

John Hale

Chairperson