

Farthinghoe Church Piece Allotments

Report for Parish Annual Meeting April 19th 2023

The Farthinghoe Church Piece Allotments continue to be utilised for horticultural purposes by residents of the village and nearby.

The majority of plots are rented, with 2 plots currently vacant. The rental cost is £12 per annum. Rentals are due on the first Monday in September, every year. There are two allotment holders with outstanding rental payments due from September 2022.

The allotments alongside Queens Street may be used for keeping chickens, for which the main allotments may not. There is currently one of these plots vacant.

The only regular outgoing from the financial account is to pay for insurance, which takes most of the income.

Plans to change the bank account to one which is suitable for a small charity and does not attract bank charges made significant headway last year but did not reach completion. The intention is to continue the search for an alternative banking arrangement.

Maintenance of the boundary hedgerows is the responsibility of the tenant of the plot which borders the boundary. As the hedgerow along the main road affects users of the narrow footpath, it is particularly important to keep this under control. To this end, the Parish Council has very kindly offered to layer this hedge, presumably between October and March when the birds have finished nesting.

It is understood that there are plans to have the allotments officially listed as a "Valued Community Asset" by West Northants Council.

The Trustees: Henry Bankes-Jones and Ruth Brittain