

## **Allotments – report to Annual Parish Meeting April 2024**

Church Piece Allotments and the Dashwood allotments continue to provide an important resource for those wishing to grow vegetables or cut flowers or raise chickens.

Bad weather in recent months, especially the strong winds, have damaged or flattened large erections such as sheds and green houses. However, tenants remain undaunted and the returns of having a plot of ground to cultivate and enjoy clearly outweigh the necessary investment in time, energy and cost of repair.

Plots have changed hands over the past season but the overall tenancy remains reasonable, generating sufficient funds to pay for the costs of insurance.

There are vacancies in both the Church Piece site (no chickens allowed) and the Queens Street site (chickens welcome!).

If anyone is interested in renting a plot, please contact Henry Bankes-Jones or Ruth Brittain, Allotment Trustees. Contact details can be found in the cover of the Farthinghoe Chronicle.

Rental remains at £12 per plot per annum.

Challenges to the allotments site are predominantly those of maintaining the boundary hedges, particularly along the Main Road and where there is no tenant in the plot alongside the hedge. Maintenance of the paths between plots is also haphazard. Not every plot holder has the necessary equipment to mow the grass or cut the hedges.

Allotment Trustees:

Henry Bankes-Jones

Ruth Brittain

11<sup>th</sup> April 2024