

# Drinkstone Parish Council

## Allotments

**Report to the Ordinary Meeting Dated Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**Agenda Item; Councillor Portfolios**

During the last month I have visited both sets of allotments and can report that the general condition is good on both sites although there is some maintenance required on the old gate leading off Chapel Lane by the shed. I have a gate that will fit and will reuse the furniture to replace it. Michael Lambert a fellow trustee has volunteered to help me do the job. We are also experiencing a rat problem in the lower half of the Gedding Road allotments as a result of food waste being left in compost bins. I have written a general letter or spoken to all tenants asking them to avoid using such waste. The rats are visible when you lift the lids, and to date I have caught 3 in animal traps and despatched them accordingly. We will continue to trap for the next few weeks after which we will introduce some bait boxes once the food stuffs disappear.

There are currently two people on the waiting list for plots on the Gedding Road site.

All rents have been paid, and I attempted to submit the annual return to the Charities Commission, however due to Covid they are not able to process any returns at the moment and I was advised to phone back or try again in mid-June.

**Prepared by Cllr Edmondson**

19<sup>th</sup> May 2021