

The Allotment Report – Jan 202

Surprisingly, winter is busy time on the allotments. The ground is being prepared for the new season. Autumn/winter sowed vegetables planted, and fruit trees pruned.

The hazel coppice on the Glebe (plot 39A) is undergoing a transformation by Simon Harrington, the new tenant. Simon, with help from the Allotment Association and fellow ploholders, has cleared away all the rubbish from the plot and has started coppicing. The Council have very kindly arranged for the rubbish to be taken away. After coppicing, the cut hazels stems will then be made available to ploholders on both the Glebe and Simons Cross for bean poles, pea sticks, etc.

The Community Plot on the Glebe has remained vacant since it was given up last year. No one has come forward to take it on and it is looking very neglected. We are currently looking at possibly repurposing the plot as communal area with fruit trees and wildflowers.

Most of the plots have been renewed on both sites, but we do have some vacant plots available if anyone wants one. Please contact me if interested.

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