

Allotments report Sept 2025

It's been a glorious but challenging summer on the allotments. With long hot dry spells, the veg and flowers have struggled, and have needed a lot of extra care and watering. But I am pleased to say that many ploholders are reporting a bountiful harvest of fruit, tomatoes, potatoes, squashes, brassicas, etc, and with the help of the recent rain there's a lot more to come. So overall it has been good year on the allotments.

We have also recently welcomed new ploholders on both sites. Simons Cross is now full, and we have a small number of vacant plots on the Glebe which are waiting to be filled. However, some of these vacant plots need a lot of work to get them back into shape and the Parish Council are currently looking to engage the Probation Service Community Payback Team to help clear the plots.

We are approaching the end of the current rental year which is typically a time of change when plots are given up and then become available for new ploholders to rent. We have had a lot of interest recently in the allotments, mostly thanks to our Deputy Clerk, Leanne, for posting on social media that we have availability. As a result, we currently have five people on the waiting list so it shouldn't be too difficult to fill the vacant plots.

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