

Hardingstone Allotments Association May 2024

I apologise that I'm unable to be at the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday evening, so please will you convey the thanks of Hardingstone Allotment Association to the Council for the award of a £200 grant towards essential repairs to and maintenance of the allotments' site.

In the year ended 31st March 2024, we spent £647 on repairing the gate posts and the materials to shore up the main path down the hill, adding a sturdy hand rail down the steepest part of the slope for extra safety. A similar amount of money has already been spent this financial year for undertaking similar works to the paths between individual allotments in the year ahead, so the financial support of HPC is greatly appreciated. The plot holders at the top of the site are also very appreciative that the trees in the Village Hall grounds have been trimmed, which is letting more light onto the land.

The whole site is under cultivation now, as 6 allotments have changed hands this year, and the new members have been extremely keen to clean and cultivate their plots. This greatly incentivises the older hands to keep up and it is good to see the exchange of ideas between the members. There remain 4 local residents on our waiting list.

Hilary Wilson

HAA Treasurer & Secretary

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