

WALBERSWICK ALLOTMENTS

report to

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This is the report from the Allotments.

The allotments suffered greatly in the very dry weather at the main growing time in May, but with some rain later most planting survived but with reduced results, the gardens also suffer from the effects of winds which leach the moisture out of the ground, to help combat the effects of the wind is the good old hoe, by keeping the the top layer of soil dry and friable, stops the movement of water to the surface and makes the roots hunt downwards for the moisture.

The garden is 2.5 acres in size and divided into 35 plots of vairing sizes.

1 x 3/4 @	£10.00
7 x 1/2 @	£ 8.00
27 x 1/4 @	£ 6.00
Total rent	£228.00

Water is supplied from the Caravan Site Main and the amount used is recorded on a meter this last year 57 cu metres were used, the water is charged this year at the domestic rate of £1.46.89, this figure is arrived at by looking at my domestic water rate, because we pay no meter charges and Mr Winyard seems happy with that figure.

Some allotment holders do not pay for water as they do not use any eg. The Village Hall, some plots are paid for but not tilled.

26 Plot halders x £3.20 = £83.20 This amount has been passed on to Mr Winyard.

I have been collecting Allotment Rents since I was on the Parish Council in 1991 primally to help out the clerks duties , this can be a time consuming job, but knowing who is in town and what time to call helps, I have no responsibility passed to me from the Parish Council and therefore only an interested party, but the Parish council really needs to get to grips with the situation which has deteriorated over the last few years.

This is the end of my report.

Philip Kett