

Allotments report for Snape Parish Council Annual meeting 2025

If you've never ventured into the allotments you're missing a treat, it's a very special place in Snape. For some reason the bird song is just magical, there's a feeling of peace just sitting and being quiet on the bench under the apple trees.

Over the last year the Parish Council have invested both money and time to make sure that the allotments continue to thrive. A huge ,mainly dead old, hedge has been removed along with some trees cut back.

As part of our planning for 2025 new entrance gates (donated~thank you) were installed by volunteers and wild flower seeds were planted by the entrance.



An important part of the allotment is to keep the water running freely in the dykes, to maintain good drainage for the marsh environment. We therefore invested in the large overgrown hedge between the north and south plots being cut back and the dyke being reinstated.

This year, for the first time, all allotment holders had to sign a new Terms & Conditions document before they could renew the lease for their plot. The main changes being that no boundary between plots can be more than one metre high and very importantly ground bonfires are no longer allowed, this is to protect the wild life.



At present we have one normal size plot (that does need a bit of work) plus two small community plots vacant, these two community plots have raspberries growing on them so if you fancy fresh raspberries for £5 annually then please email me, you will be surprised how quickly you develop the allotment bug.

One of these community double plots that was taken on last year, grew just beans and onions, which were very successful. However this year the plot holder now has potatoes, onions, rhubarb and more beans growing all for £10~no chemicals just water and sunshine and a bit of digging!

Our plans for the coming year are to hire a skip so we can safely dispose of old carpets and corrugated sheets that were removed from the cut back hedges and continue maintaining the dykes.

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