

Dear All,

A few brief notes of today's meeting.

Garden Meeting - 19 July 2017

Are we coping / can we make it easier ?

We could increase the proportion of brassicas and reduce the potatoes.
Could put weed suppression over the paths and have designated areas that are wood chipped regularly.

Oak Trees

Need to take a bigger area out of cultivation as growth under the trees is really stunted.

Potatoes

We are cropping later, the first earlies haven't been cropped yet.
Need to crop and bag up the Charlotte.

Beetroots

This year we grew 12 + trays ordinary and one of golden and one of choggia. But may reduce that even further - people just don't buy the other varieties.

Asparagus

Bad year due to lack of rain.

Shallots

Winter were very poor but summer were great. Again, lack of rain has been an issue. We can only run 2 hoses unfortunately.

Soft fruit

Absolutely must net the crop next year. It's on Bob's list for early next year.

Aubergines

Have produced really well. Early in the season but we think the grafted ones will crop better, expecting ones in the polytunnel will crop the best. Justine to add aubergines to the list 50p each. Need to sell them to active members.

Cucumbers

Pruning much harder this year, cropping really well.

Peppers are looking quite good as well. Need to decide whether to crop some as green, could do a quarter green and leave the rest.

The **green house** has been a real bonus.

Water butts - need to be careful about how hot the water is as it's heating up a lot in this weather. Would like to request another hose and lance for the greenhouse. John to buy the lance.

Thank you Jeremy - you'll be missed.