

Dear All,

Notes from today

Deliveries

Manure

How much more? Good if 6 or 7 people move manure at once, not good if it's just 2 people doing it all day.

Everything has been planted, so we could cope with more manure.

The allotment holders would probably want some manure. Could potentially organise it on baked potato day.

Need some more wood chip.

Will get another delivery organised.

9 December

60 potatoes put aside

Potatoes for 2018

Rocket

Charlotte

Cara & Picasso

Accent - most given to the tithe

Agreed to double the Charlotte and not to do the Accent

Rhubarb

Autumn cropping rhubarb has been good. Agreed to buy some more plants.

Paths

Need to turn the weed suppression and reinstate it

Sticks

Need about 400 and we currently have about half of what we need.

Various options discussed - to be put in the newsletter, Robin to ask Sue Streeter

Tools

Agreed to gather the tools into the original polytunnel to be treated, painted (pink) and sharpened. Work to be completed by 14 Feb.

A couple of handles for the rakes are needed. Bob to get them - good websites - World of Wolf / Mowers and Spares ZM150 had the best price.

Fruit Cages

To be progressed

Heritage Vegetables

Be good to have a bed of heritage vegetables. All agreed this was a good idea

Probably need to publish recipes as well.

Oak Trees

When the National Trust come over need to discuss it with them. They cost £600 to be topped every couple of years and the NT have a responsibility to look after them so it needs to be raised. If the trees are being kept what are we going to do with the area as it is pointless to plant anything. Area that we cannot plant will just increase. The trees are self sown and were never planted.

We can plant others on the northern border as far away from the allotments as possible.

We will come back to this in the future.

Plan for 2018

JW has planned most of the garden but just need to measure a few more beds that have been changed.

Between the two polytunnels agreed to grow squash

Old apple trees

There's only a couple left but one in particular is in a bad way and they are not producing fruit. Will keep the Worcester as it is producing well but the others don't. It would look good to extend the rows either side of the path. Kidds Orange Red was a suggestion for a replacement.

All agreed to replace them.

Greenhouse

Do we need another one? It would need to be next to the other one. Agreed we would like another one and to ask at the AGM for a donation.

Fruit

Review at end of next season whether we need any more raspberries.

Could add an apricot tree

Agreed to try celery next year.

AOB

Tea urn is being fixed on site.

John away for most of April.

Justine