

Bosavern Farm Allotments

Annual Report 2021

It's been another difficult year for the allotments which has meant that the work on improving the allotments site is still not completed.

Drainage/Flooding

Inspection pits were dug and a representative from Penwith Landscape Partnership came to advise on the way forward to mitigate the dreadful annual flooding of "Wet Field". Following this PLP have dug a shallow scrape pond in the SW corner. PLP advised that ditches needed to be dug across the northern and western perimeters to feed into this scrape.

The cost of this solution is beyond the Farm's resources. An alternative solution is to dig a gravel back-filled ditch to the north of the allotments draining into Hotel Field and Standing Stone Fields. Martin Kerrison has been working hard to apply for a grant and the Farm has just received grant funding from Cornwall Community Foundation. CGS have offered the lowest price and will gift the stonework (costed at approaching £3000) if the work is done in the spring.

Allotment Agreement/Contract renewal

Subs are due by the end of January. The price will remain the same as last year.

HOW TO PAY - Full plot £50 / Half plot £30

Ideally by Online bank payment.

Account Name: Bosavern Community Enterprises Ltd

Sort code is: 40-36-13

Account no is: 71551183

Please use a reference to help us identify your payment. This should be a 'P' followed by your plot number and your surname e.g. P1 Smith . Please can you also email allotments@bosaverncommunityfarm.org.uk to say you've made the payment.

Cash or Cheque

Please put in a sealed envelope and write 'Allotment', plot number and your name on it. (Cheques payable to Bosavern Community Farm) This can be handed to a member of staff in the farm office or in the shop. Please can you also email us to say you've made the payment.

Some plots have not been cultivated for over two years. This was understandable during the pandemic, but as we have a waiting list of eager new allotmenters, allotments holders are advised that they will lose their plot if it has not been started by March 2022.

Sheds

It has been agreed by the Board to allow plot holders to erect a shed (max. footprint 6 x 8 foot) on each plot to be constructed of sturdy material so as not to collapse or blow over on to other plots. Updated Allotment Agreements are being drawn up and will be sent out soon.

Poly tunnel

We are still planning to seek funding for a community poly tunnel to store and swap seeds. This will also allow us to set up training sessions for novice gardeners, providing information about setting up an allotment and giving growing advice. It is proposed that the poly tunnel be shared with Katie Kirk and her Training and Work Experience group in true community spirit.

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