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Allotment Report

General Management and Admin – Our Apprentice is no longer with us, which is obviously impacting on the extra administration duties of the Allotments. We hope to fill the post within the next couple of weeks but there will obviously be a long learning period for the new Apprentice. Fortunately, our existing Admin person is experienced as is picking up the day to day work.

- We have made real impact since October on returned tenancy agreements from 148 to now just 23. There is a quicker turn around for new tenants.
- 13 tenants have been sent letters for non-productive plots since October.
- We have had 11 new tenants since October – that is a total of 31 since taking over the Allotments in March
- There are 87 people on the waiting list, but some people have selected more than one allotment site

The first Newsletter has been sent out to nearly all our tenants by email, we do have a few that don't have e-mail , so hard copies will be put on the notice boards and also copies given to the site reps to hand out.

Allotment Site inspections – At the Sites Rep meeting in October it was agreed that the best times for Allotment inspections were April, July and October. All tenants will be made aware of these and will be advertised on the noticeboards.

Site Reps – A second Sites Rep meeting was held on Monday 22nd January and an update will be given at the Environment Meeting. The main aim is to have suggestions of topics to cover at the All Tenants meeting on Monday 26th February 2024.

Fruit trees at Fairfield Allotments. A report was received at the previous meeting and this is an update to that information.

The space allocated for the trees is approximately 4 metres x 40 metres.

According to Triscombe Nurseries we should be able to plant approximately 15 trees – by allowing 6m apart. Their suggestion is to have them in the ground by end of February, if we can prepare the ground in time.

The average price of a fruit tree is £42. There is enough money in this year's budget to complete this project.