

MILL LANE ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION REPORT 2023-24

Our AGM last November was held at Park View Chapel in Botesdale.

As usual, the membership was invited to come along and tell us of any concerns that they might have. The committee also resigned all together but was quickly re-appointed for the 2024 year.

It was just prior to this meeting that we had to confront the members with the fact that our annual fees would have to increase for the first time since the association was formed. The new fees would rise to £40.00 for a full plot and £20.00 for a half plot. This rise was due to ever increasing costs on water, electricity, insurance, and maintenance.

After quite a mild Winter and dry Spring, the growing season was well underway with all of our plots fully occupied.

While we had no resignations from existing plot holders, we continued to get new enquiries for available plots. By the end of the year, we had 11 names on our waiting list.

The association continued to build on its earlier strategy for the collection and storage of rainwater, and by the end of 2023, we had constructed water gathering and storage stations for around 26,000 litres of rainwater that are spread across the site.

Various work parties were organised to carry out general maintenance on the site (Hedges, pathways etc) The new power tools purchased previously with assistance from the Parish Council were again a great assistance in our mission to tidy the site perimeters.

Our annual members Bar B Q was the best attended function on the site for many years with as many as forty people in attendance on a warm and sunny afternoon.

The year ended with most plot holders reporting a good growing season and an abundance of produce.

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Association Secretary