

Delabole Allotments Annual Report 2023/24

Delabole Allotments continues to be a strong, committee led group in our community, currently with 23 tenants and their families using the site for growing predominantly food crops on plots of different sizes. We have welcomed 5 new tenants over the past year as previous plot holders have had to move on or reduce the size of their plot for various reasons.

We are currently working on replacing the old boundary fence. The first section along from the Penmead entrance has now been completed, the rest is due to be finished in May.

We are very grateful to have received funding support from both the Parish Council and the Delabole Windfarm Community Fund for the new fence. We have also been successful in our bid for funding from South West Water to improve rainwater collection systems on site. This will help to reduce our reliance on costly mains water, as well as our environmental impact.

Support with funding enables us to keep annual fees to tenants to a minimum in order to reduce financial barriers to those who wish to grow their own food. We will continue to organise fundraising activities, such as Bingo and plant sales, to help cover our annual costs.

The committee organises monthly working parties throughout the year, when plot holders can come together to help keep our communal spaces maintained and work on any planned improvements. Attendance can be variable.

On the whole, this past year has been a difficult one in terms of growing due to the amount of rain we've had, with varying degrees of success with different crops. We are all hoping for better conditions for this coming growing season.