

Hauxton Glebe Allotments

I have been coordinating the allotments for several years now. Currently there are at least 30 people using the allotments. We have 7 new allotment holders, of which we welcomed 5 from Hauxton Meadows and now only have 3 viable small plots spare.

More plots can be created but not without major engineering works to relieve and manage both river and spring based flooding if they are to be useable all year round. Ditches down to the river have not been managed for years and the costs of putting this right may well not be forthcoming unless owners, tenants and the Environment Agency are willing to help.

There are at least two spring lines running through the allotment gardens, the major one is central on the 'well' plot, which, whilst helpful during the recent dry spell can cause flooding in the winter. This well is now functional as a manual pumped system and thanks to the PC, the old Gardening Club and the efforts of the allotment holders, we are now well on the way to providing ballast storage to capitalize on the wet periods and distributed IBC water storage points to make it easier for the plot holders. This should be completed by the Autumn.

The well water is very good quality coming off greensand over clay and has sustained a good level even through the dry spell.

We have one query pending and if anyone else would like a plot or further information they can contact the Parish Clerk who will pass on the details.

Given the interest we may well consider formally creating an Allotment Society to enable the plot holders to benefit from the collective advantages.

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