

## PARISH OF KIDMORE END

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### REPORT OF ALLOTMENTS' MANAGER

There are 2 allotment garden sites in the Parish, in Horsepond Road, Gallowstree Common and in Park Lane. They were allotted, with other sites, to the labouring poor of the Parish of Caversham in a 19<sup>th</sup> century Enclosure Award: they predate the formation of the Parish of Kidmore End.

There are 10 plots of 16 poles (0.04 of a hectare) at each site. At the time of writing, all 20 plots are tenanted. 3 have changed hands in the past 18 months. There is a waiting list of 7 persons for a plot: all but one of these persons has joined the list since March 2020.

The project to provide a water supply to the Cane End site was completed during the financial year 2019/20, at a total cost of £6,399, excluding VAT. No bill has yet been presented for water consumed at the site, however!

The water supply at the Gallowstree Common site has been a long standing issue. The ball valve on the water trough has failed, and the Parish Council is discussing the provision of a replacement trough with a local contractor. There has also been a lengthy dispute with Castle Water Ltd, the retailer for water for the site, going back to January 2017, when there was a leak in the vicinity of the water meter, repaired by Thames Water. The dispute was finally resolved earlier this year, with assistance from the Consumer Council for Water, when Castle accepted a much lower payment (roughly 10%) than that the Company had claimed.

The general running costs of the allotments in the financial year 2019/20 were

Receipts - £307

Payments - £24 (excluding VAT)

Sarah Hall

1 November 2020