

Brundall Allotment Association

Annual Parish Meeting, April 2024

The Allotments in Brundall provide plots for residents of Brundall. All plot holders are members of the Association. The site is owned by Brundall Parish Council. It is a valuable community resource in Brundall. The original 50+ plots have been subdivided, so our association now has many more plots and plot holders. The Deputy Parish Clerk maintains the waiting list.

Having an allotment contributes to the well-being of all our members as well as producing vegetables and fruit, for members and their families. It is social gardening, and we are proud of our community.

Following the cost of living crisis, a larger number of members needed to give up their plots during 2023, as they either increased their hours, changed jobs or returned to work. This has involved both the Parish and BAA being involved in what seemed to be a continuous stream of plot re-letting, over and above the norm, during the spring and summer last year.

The work group generally runs on a Monday, thank you as always to them and their expertise.

Thanks to all those volunteers that help in site maintenance or are members of the Committee. Without these members the site would not run as well.

As well as the plots on site, there are Association sheds/storage and a polytunnel with bench spaces available to association members.

From last year's report you will know that in 2022 we had several site invasions and produce was stolen from our members' plots. The Association purchased new gates are being paid for from the Allotment "Reserve" held by Brundall Parish Council. The site is now more secure and the new gates have been welcomed by our members.

The Brundall Parish Council youth shelter was moved to the Allotments, and re-erected by the work group and other volunteers on a new purpose-built base. Works to convert it into a secure storage shed are currently ongoing, and we hope that will be finished in the next few months.

Any work relating to additional water standpipes on the eastern edge of the allotment sites is on hold until the youth shelter project is finished.

Thanks as always go to the Parish for supporting us with the site administration and dealing with all the concerns and queries.