

## **2023/24 Annual Report – Trimley St Martin Poor’s Allotment Charity**

The allotments have had a productive year with almost full occupancy. We continue to have a small waiting list but encourage anyone thinking of taking on an allotment to contact the Parish Clerk for more information.

The new footpath adjacent to the Lilacs is now complete with new gate and combination lock installed, and the gifting of the footpath land to the Trust is in the final stages with solicitors.

Most of the new bungalows that run adjacent to the allotment’s boundary appear to now be occupied and we wish them a warm welcome and encourage them to engage with us regarding rental and any boundary queries they may have.

Due to some heroic efforts from allotment holders the fence panels we were gifted by Aspen builders (the Lilacs) have now been put in place along the top fence line in an attempt to thwart the deer. Bidwells will be addressing the overgrown vegetation on their side in August after fledging, and then the remaining panels will be installed. A big Thank You to everyone who turned out and helped, we couldn’t have done it without you.

The Trust was set up for the benefit of the Trimley St Martin parish and as such we welcome requests for financial assistance. These may be direct requests or via a third party. If you have any questions regarding the assistance available, please feel free to contact one of the Trustees whose details are available from the Parish Clerk. Assistance can include educational tools or uniform, hospital transport costs, well-being costs or one-off assistance with utility bills. This list is not exhaustive, and all requests will be sympathetically and compassionately considered.

Finally, it’s not often we ask for less rain going forward but perhaps this coming year we just might....

The Trustees,

Trimley St Martin Poor’s Allotment Charity.