

## Litchborough Gardening Community and Allotment Group

### Parish Council May 2024 Annual Report

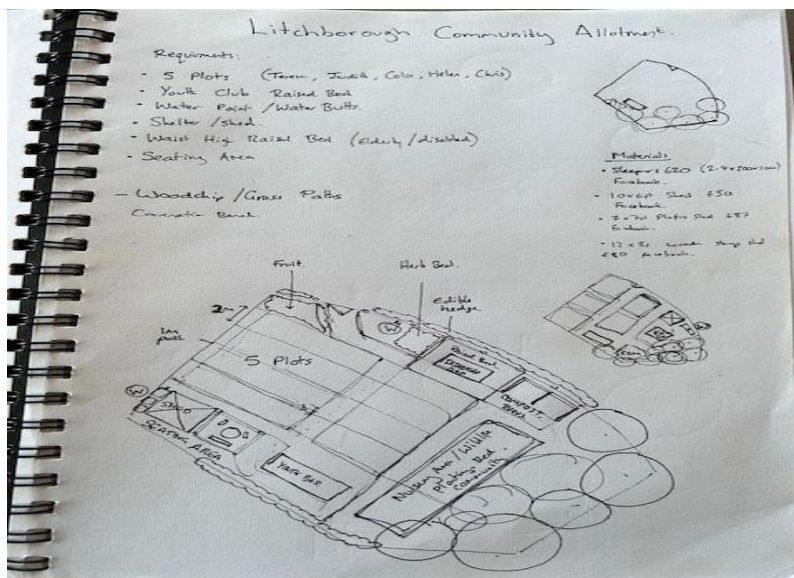
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Litchborough gardening club has been actively running since 2014. In March 2023 an opportunity arose for the club to take over the tenancy managed by Oxford University College.

The land was in a poor state of repair; being overgrown, littered and having been sprayed with chemicals over a 10-year period.



On taking on the Allotment we started with an initial drawing to mark out the site.





This was followed by a series of working parties, to clear and start returning the area to a working allotment, whilst ensuring we maintained a designated wildlife area. There is no mains water, therefore one of the main priorities was to harvest water. The Parish Council were very supportive in providing a grant to purchase a shed and water storage units to enable us to effectively start collecting water.







The community allotment provides a valuable asset to the village with bringing residents together and providing the opportunity to meet new people. There have been over 10 working party groups over the year, which has seen residents volunteering to help clear the site, create a series of



paths, constructing the shed base, building the shed and installing the water points.

The allotment is keen to increase in biodiversity, no chemicals used, all the plots are garden organically, some plot holders using the no-dig approach. Bee-friendly flowers are planted alongside the vegetables and we planted a native hedge through a Woodlands Trust scheme, over 400 saplings have been planted along the front hedgerow.



Despite the first year being a lot of work with clearing and organising the site, we were still able to produce vegetables and the sunflowers were a cheerful sight.







**Other projects:**

**Re-planting of the memorial**





## Village Planters



## Garden Visits

A series of garden visits and talks are taking place over the year and on the 30<sup>th</sup> June we have the Open Gardens event.



**Accounts:**

To be presented at the meeting by Vivienne Green (Treasurer).