

## **Akeley Allotments**

### **Annual Report March 2018**

The allotments are now entering their 13<sup>th</sup> year and currently only 4 of them are being worked.

This is very disappointing. Last spring I used social media to advertise availability as well as the village newsletter, we did not get any new applications.

Invitations to renew will go out in the next few weeks and I anticipate that the 4 current allotments holders will continue to work their plots.

In the last year a lot of the unworked plots became overgrown with weeds, they were starting to invade other plots and limiting access to the others. The Parish Council therefore took the decision to employ the services of Escapes to trim the weeds regularly throughout the growing season. Despite a regrettable incident resulting in the damage of a plot holders leeks it seems to be working well and I would recommend continuing this if the uptake for new plots this spring is low.

Some work to the fence at the park end of the allotments will be needed this year as a couple of posts need replacing.

I will endeavour to drum up interest in the next two weeks in anticipation of the growing season.

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