

The last twelve months has seen a steady flow of people taking on an allotment that has exceeded those leaving.

The growing year was hit by the very dry and hot summer and if it had not been for the water troughs many would have given up altogether.

The ongoing major issues are, and remain, rabbits and deer. Most allotment holders spend much time and money trying to keep out the rabbits, but there seems little that can be done to protect against the deer. For example, last year everyone lost their sweet corn harvest all eaten by the deer.

Some holders also believe there has been some damage caused by badgers.

The recent spell of heavy rain has seen the grass and weeds grow at a rate I have never seen before in all the years I have had an allotment! They seem to re grow over night!

We all remain hopeful of a better harvest this summer and that the rabbits and deer have an unsuccessful breeding season.