

Appendix 3

SUMMARY OF RESPONSES TO WATERMANS QUESTIONNAIRES JUNE 2010

1. Crops that have been damaged include Sweetcorn. Broad beans. Runner beans. Flowers. Peas. Lettuce. Brassicas. Trampling on plots causes more damage to crops than eating.
2. A fence that stops deer **and** vandalism should be built. It would be good to kill two birds with one stone.
3. Nearly all the plot holders said they would be willing to contribute towards the cost of a fence. But most mentioned that it should be a vandal proof fence as well as a deer fence.
4. Some people commented that the vandalism was more demoralising than the deer problems.
5. A number of comments were made regarding the main gate being left open at night. Also, some comments were made regarding the small gate, and the need for a combination lock there too.
6. There were some comments regarding the fact that allotment land is private land, and that the Council signs do not mention this. People use the small gate as a short cut from the estate to Tesco. The sign should say 'plot holders only' or something similar.
7. A communal store would **not** be used by plot holders; the security of the communal store was seen as an issue.
8. Some mentioned that more water taps were needed.

IDEAS FROM THE QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Combination lock for the small gate
2. Neighbourhood Watch could be set up by a few plot holders – someone to visit the site each night to ensure the gate was locked, etc.
3. Police should randomly visit the site to check for intruders. DR has asked them to do this already. Becky has followed this up, and has confirmed that Watermans is now on the police patrol plan.
4. We need to give plot holders suggestions on how to deter deer. e.g. human hair, human urine, coloured string.