**Report for Dennington Allotments for**

**Dennington Parish Council AGM, May 18th 2015**

**The allotments have 31 members and 19 plots, ranging from full to quarter.  All the existing plots have now been taken.  Subject to agreement with a plot holder, any new member might be allotted a portion of an existing plot.**

**Despite the cold, wet start to the year 2014 - 15, and an army of slugs, the plots were productive.  We were most grateful to receive the generous grant by the Charities to buy mushroom compost, shingle and sand.  This proved to be very popular and it disappeared within 3 days. The society decided to buy another load of compost which was much appreciated.  We hope to buy another load this year.**

**The society withdrew from membership of NSALG in the summer because of a legal dispute amongst NSALG managers.  We joined the Allotment Union of Great Britain.  Their membership is much cheaper and they offer public liability insurance and a seed scheme.**

**At the AGM on March 2nd, the problem of theft and damage to sheds was discussed.  The allotments had been burgled on 2 separate occasions, with tools stolen and damage to the sheds.  Significantly, tools and equipment were not taken from the plots and no vegetables stolen.  Insurance cover for theft and shed damage was rejected as too expensive and an option of a container was raised.  The treasurer was to look into the finances.**

**Our finances at the time of the AGM, stood at £700, but not all plot fees had been received.  The rent for individual plots has been reduced to £35.00 for a full plot, £25.00 for half and £12 for quarter.  This amount includes insurance and membership of the Allotment U Union (GB).  The Treasurer aimed to achieve a balance between low rents and a need to keep an adequate float for site rent, water, insurance and any loss of plot rent. It is estimated that the insurance will increase considerably in January 2016.**

**Socially, we met informally at the Dennington Queen in January and resolved that a barbeque should be held in the summer.  The site is well visited and we hope, enjoyed by the village.**

**May, 2nd.  2015**

**Pene Welham, secretary**