

## Allotment Report May 2019

The allotment sites at Rublees and Canada Gardens have been running relatively smoothly with few complaints from our tenants. Having said that, the office became aware of a recent issue with one plot holder it seems verbally abusing another resident and this prompted an email from the office to all plot holders (with the facility) asking patrons to moderate their conduct for the benefit of all. This in-itself brought up a suggestion that Council considers a ban on smoking on the Allotments, and we might discuss this at committee.

Our Caretaker Steve continues making regular visits to the allotments and has worked hard in clearing communal areas and covering vacant plots with weed suppressant membrane. He also reports back any issues that need our attention so that we can begin to deal with them before they are highlighted as an issue from the Allotment holders themselves.

The clear-up day in March was a great success and we filled the skips to full capacity with excellent support again from the scouts.

Of the 158 plots available in total we currently have 5 vacant plots at Canada Gardens and 2 vacant plots at Rublees.

As summer approaches we hope Steve will be fully equipped to continue his good work in maintaining both sites.

The Clerk has recently spoken with a Southern Water engineer to determine if there are any ways to enhance the supply to Rublees plot holders and he will verbally report at committee the findings of this visit.