

ONGAA

# OLD NEWTON GARDEN AND ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

## Report to Parish Council Meeting 2022

ONGAA can report that the Allotment Project is thriving, being allowed to continue throughout the whole pandemic, as allowed by government legislation.

Members were able to provide mutual support with sharing of plants/seeds and gardening products as retail outlet closed. The fresh air, exercise, routine and benefits to physical and mental health proved invaluable. Additionally, food security became, and still is, more important during uncertain times. Our produce stall in Finningham Road provides an outlet for excess fruit, vegetables and plants for a minimal contribution to ONGAA funds.

ONGAA remains self funding and in a good financial position, with full occupancy of the plots. We have been able to support the pre-school with their raised growing beds and are involved with the primary school through their Gardening Club, supporting the leader at the weekly meetings. The allotment were open to the public last year as part of the 'Open Gardens' event fund raising for the Parish Church.

Improved pedestrian safety along Station Road would be of benefit to ONGAA members accessing the site and the wider public using the road.

ONGAA continues to appreciate the ongoing support of the Parish Council and the landowners in allowing the Allotment Project to continue.

Report provided by Christine Leggett