

# **13 Willow Lane Cambourne CB3 6AB**

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## **Cambourne Allotments**

**Many thanks for your response to the Allotment Questionnaire!**

**There were 11 positive replies.**

The developers will now provide a facility as soon as practicable, unfortunately the timing may not be as quick as anticipated, the site chosen for the allotments is on the edge of the country park. The development of this area is held up at present by the haul road that currently cuts through it. A planning application to divert this road has been made and once agreement is reached about the design of the intersection with the Crowdene Bridleway it will go ahead.

Some period of consolidation will be necessary to ensure the suitability of the area.

In the future it may be necessary to set up an Allotment Committee, at present the MLC representative for Allotments is Ted Pateman from Bourn Parish Council. If you would like to become involved at a later date please reply on the form below or by email.

The MLC have asked me to investigate what would be a suitable charge for an allotment, we must set a charge that covers all expenses such as a water supply.

I have information from other parts of the country and Cambridge City.

**I would be very grateful if you could indicate how much you would be prepared to pay and return the bottom of this form as soon as possible.**

The facility from the briefing guide is expected to provide good soil, drainage, water supply, fencing and paths. Vehicular access, lockable gates, storage for communal equipment, kitchen, toilet, a small secure shed for each plot may also be possible as well as a shop area.

Likely size is 9 Metres wide plots and 13 metres long typically, but you may want two that size if you are a keen gardener with more spare time. This equates to the traditional measurement of allotments as 5 pole or rod. Size of plots will vary from this nominal size.

**The following typical rents apply to a traditional 10 pole site (ie twice the size of ours)**

**a 10 rod (250 sq.m) plot in Cambridge will cost in the region of £14.00 per annum to rent.**

**The following are prices from the other local authorities: FOR TWICE THE SIZE OF OUR PLOTS.**

**Salisbury - £13.00**

**Carlisle - £22.90**

**Chester - £25.00**

**Worcester - £18.50**

**Norwich - £17.50**

**Canterbury - £20.00**

Yours sincerely

Roger Hume

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NameAddress

I would expect to pay an annual charge of £                      for a single plot of 5 rod/pole

I would be willing to become a member of an allotment committee    YES    NO

Please return to 13 Willow Lane or the postbox behind the notice board as soon as possible please or at least before the next MLC meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2001

*It would be advisable to agree a sensible charge to ensure the allotments are valued and well used.*