

Great Ellingham Allotment Society Report, 2025.

The Allotments started in 2012, and the past 13 years have seen some changes, with large plots being split in half as the demand for smaller plots increases. This enables us to provide plots for more people, which is a bonus. We currently have 14 of the 21 main plots occupied by people living in Great Ellingham, the remaining 7 being taken by non residents, some of whom lived in the village but have recently moved to the surrounding area. We also have some small plots some of which are used by children and by the Great Ellingham Scout group and Great Ellingham Pre School, bringing gardening and the outdoors to the younger generation.

There is a wide variety of approaches to the individual allotments, with some being used as mini orchards, some used only for vegetable growing and some a mix of vegetables, fruit and flowers, all are productive and enjoyed.

As the village grows we have seen considerable interest from occupants of the newer houses, which tend to have smaller gardens. We currently have 4 people on our waiting list, although there is a turnover of plot holders it is slow and averages 2 a year, so we effectively have a 2 year waiting list.