

VANDALS AT THE COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT



Since mid-November last year the two greenhouses at the community allotment have been extensively vandalised. e.g. side and roof polycarbonate panels kicked out, aluminium frame, doors and greenhouse staging damaged and plants thrown around... On one visit even the allotment beehive was kicked over and we still don't know whether the hive will survive. There has been vandalism on at least 3 evenings sometimes with broken vodka bottles left behind. We assume the vandals are likely to be teenagers from Chorlton or Stretford. The Community Allotment, which is run entirely by volunteers and open to all, was started 10 years ago and damage on this scale has never occurred before.

Generally vandalism has occurred on Friday or Saturday evenings and there has been some reporting to the police - including by a local resident in the park., to whom we are grateful - even though the police could not respond quickly that time.

What to do next:

1. We now do have a crime number **cri/06mm/0000341/20** if you need to report in the future please link in to this number.
2. We have alerted local PCSOs and police and would like local people to keep a special eye out too on Friday and Saturday evenings .
3. We are hoping to install CCTV (linked to Pets Corner) as soon as possible paid for by FOLP funds.
4. The Council are looking to help with repair of the greenhouses by providing funding and / or doing the repairs.

If YOU have any other ideas for tackling these problems or can offer help in any way Please Contact Mash on 0161 865 6064 or via mash.westbrook@gmail.com

Friends of Longford Park Community Allotment Group

