



Save our Allotments

The Diocese of Winchester is planning to sell the King's Somborne Allotments, Furzedown Road. Please support us to make them review their plans and sign our petition

The Allotments have been in the village for over 100 years, gifted originally by the land owners to the church and used by the community as a very important asset and 'community touch point' for this entire time. Families from all backgrounds come together, work with nature to learn and enjoy the fruits of their labour and build this truly unique community. The residents needed many years of hard work and love, to get their plot to the stage they are in now and there is understandably very strong emotional ties to the. Offering an alternative location is **not** the answer. The Allotments would have enjoyed special protection if owned by local government (Borough or Parish) through legislation for the unique position they hold in the community. The Diocese of Winchester should review its current actions and work with the community rather than against it. The Allotments in its current central location is an important and unique place accessible to all villagers.

The petition is asking the Diocese of Winchester to:

- Stop the plan to sell the King's Somborne Allotments, Furzedown Road to secure its long-term future for the village
- Gift or offer this vital facility back to the community at Allotment market value to allow it to continue its important role in bringing the community together as it has done for many decades.

You can find the petition:

1. In our village shops
2. The Crown Inn and The John O'Gaunt
3. On the petition website Change.or, following the link to <https://chn.ge/2Jfh30y>
4. On the Face book website: 'Save our Allotments'
5. On the King's Somborne website

Thank you for supporting this important initiative.