

COPY OF EMAIL WHICH WAS RECEIVED REGARDING THE ALLOTMENT GATE

Dear Parish Council,

I am writing with a concern about the gates at either side of the allotments. On Friday night, on the way back from school, my 5year old son ran through to the allotment from the Fortescue Road end, pushing the gate open as he ran. Before he got through, the metal sprung gate swung back and hit him in the face. This resulted in a trip to a&e with multiple grazes to his face, bruises, bashed teeth, a cut to his head and a split lip. Thankfully after being seen to, cleaned up and having his head glued he is fine. However, this shouldn't have been able to happen. The gate swings back too quickly and isn't safe. I appreciate that not everyone runs through at the pace of a 5year old but I have nearly been hit by it on multiple occasions, once when I was pregnant.

Furthermore, the gate post on the other side of the allotment- the Lander Close end by wooden gate has a short metal pole sticking out of it at child's height. Please can this also be seen to as soon as possible to prevent another serious injury happening.

I look forward to hearing from you and about what action is to be taken and when