

THE 1930s



In 1932 the Society bought the wooden body of a Great Eastern Railway luggage van like the one behind the engine in this photograph from the APH Collection. It was placed on the Glebe Road site and used as an HQ and trading hut and lasted until 1974. The Society's Minutes also record the erection of "a strong fence which will last for all time" on Pigs' Passage (the path between Glebe Road and Holbrook Road). In 1936 it was agreed to ask the Town Council to provide lighting along the path – "this very dark place".

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1935 Death of H J Flack, builder, of 54 Cowper Road. The Annual General Meeting Minutes contain a tribute to "a plholder on the land originally taken over by this Society and as a member of the Committee up to the time of his death, had served the Society faithfully and well, a keen gardener and exhibitor at the Great Autumn Show, he will be much missed by his colleagues where his long experience and mature advice was of considerable value".

By 1935 the Town Council had built Council houses on much of the land it had acquired in 1928. These houses on Glebe Road, seen across Mowbray Road, are some of those which back on to the Glebe Road allotments site.



A CORPORATION HOUSING ESTATE
(Cherry Hinton Glebe)

Photograph from *The Cambridge Book of The Silver Jubilee of King George V, 1910-1935* by S C Roberts
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1937

"An extremely trying year for allotment gardeners because of the very wet winter and spring ... and dry weather later"

"The Dale Challenge Cup for the Society placed next [second] in order of merit was won by The Rock Allotment Society for the first time."
Cambridge Daily News, 23 September 1937



Cambridge Daily News photograph
Said to be of Rock Allotment Society members with the cup