

Community Allotment Polytunnel and Raised Beds

Background

The Giving Community originally requested a polytunnel from Amazon 8ft x 6ft (2.4m x 1.8m) costing £110 and materials for raised beds costing £125. In principal the F&GP committee approved £235 for these two items (5 Sept 22 – 8.2)

The seller for the small polytunnel is Outsunny and most of their products state they are not suitable for bad weather conditions. <https://amzn.eu/d/gml0CFp>

The parish council asked to see the plans for the allotment which have now been supplied.

Updated Request from Giving Community

Now that the plans have been finalised it is clear that a much larger polytunnel is required with the plans suggesting 8ft x 20ft (3m x 6m) which is about four times bigger than previously planned.

Outsunny can supply one for £420, currently on offer now for £210 from China. However, the manufacturer says it is not suitable for bad weather conditions [Outsunny 6 x 3M Reinforced Walk-in Polytunnel Garden Greenhouse Steel Frame | eBay](#)

After more research, four other manufacturers were located with similar products

Polytunnel Comparison 8ft x 20ft	Overall Height Door Height (2 doors)	Steel hoop diameter No of hoops	Cover grade	Cost ex vat
Premiere	2m 1.8m	28mm 5	600 gauge 150 micron	£563
First tunnels	2m 1.8m	25mm 5	200 micron	£577
Northern	2m	32mm 4	720 gauge	£658
Robinson	2.1m 1.8m	25mm 5	800 Gauge	£518

[8ft Wide Polytunnels | Small Allotment Polytunnels for Sale UK - Premier Polytunnels](#)

[8ft Wide Polytunnels | 8ft Polytunnels For Sale Online \(firsttunnels.co.uk\)](#)

[Hobby Polytunnel \(northernpolytunnels.co.uk\)](#)

[Polytunnels - 8ft Wide x 20ft Long - Robinson Polytunnels](#)

NOTE: All these polytunnels require self assembly on site

Recommendation

On the basis that this polytunnel is at an allotment and possibly not being checked regularly in bad weather, one of the more expensive polytunnels is recommended for strength and durability.

Raised beds

It is estimated that 13 off 10ft scaffold planks (3.1 m) would be required to construct the following:

8ft x 5ft – 4 off

1ft x 5ft – 6 off

2ft x 3ft – 8 off

New boards are £22 – total £286. Awaiting price on used ones

Total Cost

Overall cost for both items is estimated at between £800 - £944 ex VAT