

Allotment Advisory Group

Meeting Notes

01 Dec 22

Updates

Pest Control – 20 bait boxes set on site, including 1 at handyman's shed and 1 at stables.
Awaiting first progress report from contractor.

Plot Status – 3 full plots reallocated, 1 half plot offered to waiting list.
Now 3 people on waiting list, all non-residents.

Role of Chair

Mark Burgess has agreed to take over the majority of the Chair's role from Sarah. A full handover to be arranged.
Pauline Butcher will manage the Facebook account.

Plot Fees and Deposits

Proposal to increase plot deposit for new tenants to £50. It is hoped that doing this will help prevent plots being handed back in poor state.

The group also propose to increase the annual plot fee as follows:

Full Plot – Residents £30, Non-Residents £15.

Half Plot – Residents £15, Non-Residents £20.

The option to pay in 2 instalments will be offered.

Plot holders should be given 12 months notice of this change.

Proposal to Council:

- **That the allotment deposit is raised to £50.**
- **That the annual fee is raised:**
 - **Full Plot – Residents £30, Non-Residents £35**
 - **Half Plot – Residents £15, Non-Residents £20**

Wormery

A wormery has kindly been donated to the allotments. Sarah and Ramune met with Ian Rowe who delivered the wormery to us on behalf of his late father, Mr Lawrence Rowe of Manor Gardens, Buckden.

Natalie Bartlett, Plot 17, has agreed to look after the worms and house it in her shed over winter.

Liquid fertiliser will be made available to all plot holders as it becomes available.

AOB

Caroline has contacted Savilles as the hedge on the right hand side of the site needs cutting. It is now reaching the cables above. Awaiting reply.

Pauline suggested sowing new potatoes to donate to a local feed bank when they are ready. This was agreed by all.