

# Hereford Allotment & Leisure Gardeners

## Site Rep Meeting Minutes

Date: 16th February 2026

Attendees: Tasha Bennett (TB), Chris Yapp (CY), Val Simms (VS), Malcolm Watkin (MW), Derek Mumford (DM), Annie Jones (AJ), Pauline Shannon (PS), Lynne Renton (LR), David Fletcher (DF)

Apologies: Mick Paine (MP), Roy Matthews (RM), Jo Simms (JS), Jan Poole (JP), John Rosser (JR), Helen Cooper-Bennett (HCB), Anna Davey (AD)

Chair: Pauline Shannon (PS)

Previous minutes: All OK

Matters arising: None

### Site rep reports by exception

**Ash:** Update from PS:

- Water reading: water remains off
- 2 plots to let
- The toilet door is swollen and won't open. Due to rain. DM will look at getting steel ones made.

**College:** Update by email from JS:

- Water reading: water remains off
- Half a plot has been let, no more plots available.

**Corporation:** Update from AJ:

- Water reading: water remains off
- Fairly quiet because it has been so wet.

**Drybridge:** Update from AD and HCB via MW :

- Water reading: water remains off
- Welcomed new plot holders.
- Less sightings of rats, MW has been in contact with Asda regarding concerns.
- Query regarding bees, has been advised that he cannot keep bees due to proximity to Asda. And is it the correct spot for bees with

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location to the road, do bees prefer quieter locations because of vibration from traffic?

- DM advised a skip is required at site as there is rubbish accumulated.
- Asda wants to know registration numbers of everyone who takes cars to the site. AD will pass the information on to Asda. It's important plot holders do this to avoid fines.
- AD will be doing a tour with HCB over the next week or so to review the plots.
- The lock on the main gate has been sorted since DM has sprayed it.
- A letter of termination has been sent.

### **Eign:** Update from CY:

- Water reading: water remains off
- The site has been very quiet.

### **Holmer:** Update from TB:

- Water reading: water remains off skate park:
- All plots let.
- Site flooding has been particularly bad. The gateway has been very flooded as have some of the plots. Appreciate this is the norm for some of the allotment sites, such as Eign where plots are very often under water.
- The gate is extremely difficult to open with the wheel on. The wheel will be removed and the issue reviewed to see the best way forward which will help with gate entrance but won't cause additional issues with flooding etc.
- Stone has been ordered for the pot holes and waiting for the contractor to deliver and put down.

### **Rockfield:** Update from DF:

- Water reading: water is off, however, according to meter reach check there is 10 litres difference. Unable to check if something is leaking due to rain and water tanks being full. Authorised for DF to purchase ball valves if required, once established what where the leak is.
- Plot holders raised concerns that they are paying a different price per plot. The price these plot holders pay is checked by VS.

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- A plot holder asked if they could see the meeting minutes. These are published on the website every month.
- Inspection of the road required Rockfield to assess what is needed for the pot holes. MW will liaise with the contractor.

### **Westfaling:** Update by email from JP:

- Water reading: the water remains off
- Very quiet on site.

### **Wordsworth:** Update from MW:

- Meter reading: the water remains off
- No issues
- Half a plot to let
- Will lay scalplings once the ground has dried up a bit.

### **AOB:**

- PS advised we are finalising what is happening for the summer judging competition at the committee meeting and will confirm information with the site reps in due course.

END OF MEETING

Next meeting Monday 16th March 2026 @ 19:00 @ The Railway Club