

Hereford Allotment & Leisure Gardeners

Site Rep Meeting Minutes

Date: 19th May 2025

Attendees: Tasha Bennett (TB), Chris Yapp (CY), Mark Robinson (MR), Val Simms (VS), Jan Poole (JP), David Fletcher (DF), Dan Watkins (DW), Malcolm Watkin (MW), Jo Simms (JS), Derek Mumford (DM), Mark Robinson (MR), Annie Jones (AJ), Pauline Shannon (PS), Roy Matthews (RM), John Rosser (JR)

Apologies: Mick Paine (MP).

Absent:

Chair: Pauline Shannon (PS)

Previous minutes: All OK

Matters arising: None

Site rep reports by exception

Ash: Update from PS:

- Water reading: 901
- A plot has been relet
- Water tank has algae but a plot holder is helping with this
- Some new plot holders are new to gardening and learning
- Grass cut OK
- Hedging will need cutting in September but site will sort
- Some extremely keen plot holders who want to be in the competition.

College: Update from JS: 3057

- Water reading:
- One plot relet, on the second visit the plot holder tripped and broke his ankle
- One plot holder is giving up two plots
- One plot is very difficult, lots of brambles as the plot has not been worked. An existing plot holder will be taking this plot on
- Most plot holders are putting in a lot of work
- Another issue with the member of the public with the car, driving on to the site. JS has spoken with her
- Grass has been cut

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- Hedge will need cutting in September after the nesting season.

Corporation: Update from AJ:

- Water reading: 01890
- One letter of concern to be sent
- Majority of plots are being worked
- New posts have been put in and the new fence has been put up (by plot holders).

Drybridge: Update from DW:

- Water reading: 020387
- Plots being worked
- A couple of letters of concern have been sent and positive response
- Hedge at the back to be done in September
- People keep parking in front of the gate. Site rep has contacted Asda and Parking Eye but not getting a response
- Parking Eye is wiping all the registration numbers off and the Site Rep has to resubmit by the end of the week
- DM advised the barrier belongs to Welsh Water and to contact them to repaint the lines in the area in front of the gate so it's clearer that nobody park there.

Eign: Update from CY:

- Water reading: 319
- All plots being worked
- The new toilet is up and being used
- Everyone seems to be working their plots
- CY has cut hedge back by plot number 2

Holmer: Update from TB:

- Water reading: 4593 skate park: 286
- Grass cut but the orchard not strimmed. An agreement was made with the contractor that they would strim the orchard.
- One plot holder has given up and plot will be relet

Rockfield: Update from DF:

- Water reading: 07444
- Old leaking trough has been replaced with new, thanks to Val and Mal for this.

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- Most plots are being worked well
- Six first letters sent. Response from four. Two further letters sent
- No more reports of rabbits
- 3 new first letters requested from Derek
- In response to plot holders questions:
 - Slug pellets are not banned
 - A plot holder wants to construct a dead hedge, this is OK
 - Feeding birds is discouraged as does encourage vermin

Westfaling: Update by email from JP:

- Water reading: 01162
- All good on site with plot holders busy digging and planting, apart from one, but have spoken to them today.
- The new toilet is in place.
- Can get a second hand shed, slabs, benches delivered to site from Carboot Online for £150 to store the spare toilet tank and other bits.
- The last skip is nearly full, so still by the gate.
- Thank you to MW for all help with doing the water and plot holders have been very helpful.

Wordsworth: Update from MW:

- Meter reading: 6009
- Think the blanford fly has come early this year. One plot holder has been bitten.
- No major issues, pots plots are being worked.

AOB:

- All site reps to please bring details to the next meeting of all plots suitable for judging.
- AJ asked if there was any more news on Ross Road. PS advised not at the moment, still waiting for the final decision.

END OF MEETING

Next Meeting: Monday 16th June 2025 @ 19:00 at The Railway Club.