

Hereford Allotment & Leisure Gardeners

Site Rep Meeting Minutes

Date: 20th May 2024

Attendees: Malcolm Watkin (MW), Tasha Bennett (TB), Derek Mumford (DM), Roy Matthews (RM), Helen Cooper-Bennett (HCB), Jo Sims (JS), Chris Yapp (CY), Jan Poole (JP), John Rosser (JR)

Apologies: Annie Jones (AJ), Pauline Shannon (PS), Val Simms (VS), Mick Paine (MP)

Absent:

Chair: Malcolm Watkins (MW)

Previous minutes: All OK.

Matters arising:

Site rep reports by exception

Ash: TB read email sent:

- Water reading: 841
- One plot giving concern, being managed by site rep with support from DM.
- Pathway into Ash by pedestrian gate is being built up with woodchip. K Corrick has installed timber border.
- Thanks to MW for mending leak in sink.

College: Update from JS:

- Water reading 029275 (water switched on 1st May)
- Tanks cleaned and treatment for rust whilst empty.
- Two plot holders have given up for health reasons.
- 1 plot has been relet and 1 to let.

Corporation: Update from email sent:

- Water reading: 01682
- Most plots are being worked well. Everything is springing into life.
- One plot holder has had a letter of termination as they have done nothing to their plot .
- One plot holder has given up her half plot due to health issues. I am waiting on a reply from someone on the waiting list but have not heard back yet (as of 17/05)

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- We are waiting for the return of the keys from those two plot holders.
- Otherwise everything is ticking along.

Drybridge: Update from HCB:

- Water reading: 01839
- Grass has been cut. Looks good.
- Some letters of concern have been sent out. As a result, one plot holder has given up, 3 are working hard.
- Madley school visit was a huge success. 28 busy children had a lovely morning drawing, chalking, digging, tasting, planting and lots of squeals each bug they found. They took away strawberry plants and raspberry bushes and a jar of Hereford honey thanks to MW. Oh and piles of wet paintings. A huge thank you to my team that day... Annie, Cynthia, Liam, Malcolm and Pauline. School staff say a big thank you for an amazing morning. Next dates are in June and July. Madley school have been passed on the local growing local project. They are thrilled with this.
- Our donated mowers are in good use also we now have a rotavator been donated and that too has been used. Even by me haha.
- Things are beginning to grow yay.
- More school visits planned.

Eign: Site rep unable to attend meeting:

- Water reading: 270
- Most plots are being worked apart from one plot as the plot holders are looking after a sick relative .
- CY has emailed DM over concerns about one plot either being sub let or assigned to another person and hardly anything is being done on that plot.

Holmer: Update from MW & TB:

- Water reading:4030 skate park: 36 (new meter installed).
- A few letters of concern have been sent following inspection by Trustees. Positive response by all but one of the plot holders who has still done nothing. Termination letter will be sent to this plot holder as they have had two letters.
- After many years (at literally every meeting) of TB asking for the soil mound to be removed and the gateway made safer, the works

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are complete. Huge thank you to everyone who has made this happen as there have been several committee members involved and thank you to MW for overseeing the works. Thank you also to Hereford City Council for supporting this work.

- Sadly Sharon Baugh who has been an excellent deputy site rep for a few years is standing down at the end of May. TB thanks her personally for all her support. The committee also thanked Sharon for her hard work and support.
- MW was appointed as site rep coordinator in 2023, this means he is the point of contact for all site reps on all the allotment sites around Hereford. MW goes to all the sites to inspect, support, resolve issues and ensure all the sites are around similar standards. TB thanks MW for all of his support and continued support at Holmer.
- MW has arranged for scalplings to be delivered to the bottom of site within next few days (from 20/05).

Rockfield: Update from DM :

- Water reading: 7134
- One plot to be let.
- Four letters of concern to be sent.
- RM is going to contact Rose Gardens over the fence post.
- Contractor cancelled for the brook fence and Coporation fence as have been waiting 9 months. DM and RM will arrange other quotes.
- A lot of rubbish is being piled up by the shed.
- DM and RM will cut the grass where they can.

Westfaling: Update from JP:

- Water reading: 01065
- Site is looking good and everyone at planting to digging stages.
- Generally tidy but grass could do with a cut but all the way up instead of just halfway would be better.
- Tree stump was successfully removed. JP thanked those who sorted it.
- One plot holder is recovering from operation so plot holders are 'mucking in' to keep the plot tidy for them whilst they recover.
- DM will contact Connexus about renting a garage to use as the site shed.

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Wordsworth: Update from MW:

- Meter reading: 5710
- One vacant plot but people on waiting list.

AOB:

- JP asked when the summer judging cups should come in. DM advised as soon as possible as VS will want to have them to get them engraved.
- JR raised about summer judging - was planned to be in early June but when in Drybridge on 18/05 it was noted that many plot holders are very behind due to weather. Therefore suggested that the summer judging to last week of June. All agreed.
- All plots going forward for judging must be numbered, if they are not numbered they will not be judged as it takes a silly amount of time to go around and look / work out plot numbers.

END OF MEETING

Next Meeting: Monday 17th June 2024 @ 19:00 at The Railway Club.