

Hereford Allotment & Leisure Gardeners

Site Rep Minutes

Date: 19th January 2026

Attendees: Jo Sims (JS, College), Jan Poole (JP, Westfailing), Annie Jones (AJ, Corporation), Dan Watkins (DW, Drybridge), David Fletcher (DF, Rockfield), Mick Paine (MP, Wordsworth), Chris Yapp (CY, Eign), Helen Cooper Bennet (H welcomed as a potential new Trustee), Lynne Renton (LR), Roy Matthews (RM), Val Simms (VS), Mal Watkin (MW) Helen Cooper-Bennet (HCB)

Apologies: Pauline Shannon (PS, Ash), Tasha Bennett (TB), Derek Mumford (DM)

Chair: Mal Watkins

Previous Minutes: Accepted

Matters Arising: None

Site reports by exception

College: Update by JS

- Nothing exceptional to report
- Information re plot changes given

Corporation: Update by AJ

- Information re plot changes given
- 1 plot holder has recently demised, RIP.

Drybridge: Update AD

- Information re plot changes given
- Plot holder from 3A reported removal of long wooden posts from his plot, review being undertaken.
- Ongoing rats problem discussed. ASDA have rat stations in place which are being checked 2 weekly. It was queried whether the rats are travelling from Council owned property, discussed possibility of writing a letter to Council re infestation.

Eign: Update by CY

- Nothing exceptional to report
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Holmer: Update by MW

- Information re plot changes given
- Gate wheel has dug into the soil, wet weather exacerbating the problem. Solution a strip of concrete under the wheel path, contractor has reported that concrete will take 1 week to set so to await dryer weather in spring to fix the problem.

Rockfield: Update by DF

- Information re plot changes given
- Positive experience of last hedge cutting shared
- Cost of scalplings agreed
- Discussion of who should maintain bottom pathway was had, outcome: ploholders.

Westfailing: Update by JP

- Information re plot changes given
- Discussion re fee payments. VS is currently reviewing payments gathered, she will let site reps know if there's an issue

Wordsworth: Update by MP

- Break in in 12 sheds with electrical goods stolen, plot holders advised to contact West Mercia Police
- Information re plot changes given
- Discussion re pot holes on site, may need shingle with postcrete added near gates to improve sustainability
- Have received a delivery of biomass material.

AOB

- AJ reminded attendees of seed swap taking place at Hereford Courtyard on 7th February between 11am and 2 pm.
- General discussion re amount of water on all sites discussed.

End Of Meeting

Next meeting Monday: 16th February 2026 @ 19.00 @ The Railway Club.