

Hereford Allotments & Leisure Gardeners

Site Rep Meeting Minutes

Date: 17th November 2025

Attendees: Chris Yapp (CY), Val Simms (VS), Malcolm Watkin (MW), Jo Sims (JS), Derek Mumford (DM), Pauline Shannon (PS), Dan Watkins (DW), Lynne Renton (LR), David Fletcher (DF), Mick Paine (MP), Roy Matthews (RM)

Apologies: Tasha Bennett (TB), Annie Jones (AJ), Jan Poole (JP)

Chair : Pauline Shannon (PS)

Previous Minutes: All OK

Matters arising: None

Site rep reports by exception

Ash: Update by PS

- Water reading 978
- Water was turned off on 3rd November
- Plot 8A - new plotholder has taken this one and is working hard to get it prepared for winter layover.
- Plot 1B, Plot 7B/8B - both have health problems but they are maintaining plots, just not to same degree as usual. They both want to keep plots - I'll watch what happens.
- Plot 9 - large trees to end of this plot are in neighbours garden, not on allotment site.
- Grass had its last cut on 13 November, hedge will be trimmed in January or February.

College: Update by JS

- Hedge cutting is good
- 2 plotholders giving up, 2 new plotholders starting
- Water turned off last Tuesday
- JS has asked for volunteer assistant reps, but people will only offer to help her

Corporation: Update by DM

- Site looking ok
- Some movement expected on plots at end of year
- Water being turned off 18th November, pm

Drybridge: Update by DW

- Quiet at the moment.
- Water being turned off 18th November, am

Eign: Update by CY

- Quiet at the moment
- One plotholder giving up
- 3A taking over 3B
- Water being turned off on 20th November

Holmer: Update by MW

- Water reading 4890, skatepark 303
- The gate has fallen out of line and needs a wheel to ensure weight is balanced

Rockfield: Update by DF

- No flooding!
- 8 plots to let, 3 already let and others contacted
- No rats; no scalpings; no chippings
- Requires scalpings for filling potholes on site, VS confirmed ok to order
- Water being turned off on 20th November

Wordsworth: Update by MP

- All quiet, one plot is a bit in doubt
- Hedges cut, grass cut ok
- Final letter outstanding, 20/12

AOB:

JS concerned that grass cutting/hedge cutting did not meet basic H&S standards. Could contractors put up signs saying work in progress? Workers did not seem to have H&S safety equipment. Vehicles were parked made it difficult to enter site. Could she have notification of when they were coming?

END OF MEETING

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