

# Hereford Allotment & Leisure Gardeners

## Site Rep Meeting Minutes

Date: 21st August 2023

Attendees: David Fletcher (DF), Sylvia Fletcher (SF), Malcolm Watkin (MW), Roland Brown (RB) Tasha Bennett (TB), Derek Mumford (DM), Roy Matthews (RM), Helen Cooper-Bennett (HCB), Jan Poole (JP), Viv Webster (VW), John Rosser (JR), Val Simms (VS), Pauline Shannon (PS), Mick Paine (MP), Roy Matthews (RM), Annie Jones (AJ), Sam Perkins (SP)

Apologies: Jo Simms (JS)

Absent:

Chair: Pauline Shannon (PS)

Previous minutes: Amendment VW - site rep from Corporation was present at meeting on 17th July 2023.

### Site rep reports by exception

**Ash:** Update from PS:

- Water reading 831
- Thanks to Malcolm for mending the ball cock on one of the water tanks at Ash and to Derek and John for offering assistance.
- PS has collected hot bin. Request for slabs - DF advised there are some available at Rockfield Road.
- Some weedy plots.

**College:** Site rep unable to attend meeting - report emailed:

- Water reading
- Grass cutting - grass is long. MW advised that grass will be cut this week (week 21/08)
- Lime tree on plot 10 - would like update when will be removed. VS advised City Council won't cut the tree down as the Council doesn't like cutting trees down but plot holders can trim it up if they need to.
- Winner cup handed in to VS.
- DM will deliver hot compost bin - thank you.

**Corporation:** Update from VW:

Registered Address: The Fred Bulmer Centre, Wall Street, Hereford, HR4 9HP  
Registered Charity Number: 1185338

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- Water reading 01645
- Grass is cut good and site looks tidy
- Tank that was knocked last month has not affected the water rates
- The site 'get together' went very well with nice gathering of plot holders - a very pleasant time was had by all.
- Some weedy plots.

### **Drybridge:** Update from HCB:

- Water reading:
- It is so good on site to see so many adding guttering to their sheds, greenhouses and one plot holder even catches rain water off his Polly tunnel.
- Many thanks to both M.W. and D. M. For their help in retrieving the lost mower.
- Drybridge now has two mowers to site for all to use. A second was donated by a plot holder. Thank you to him.
- All plots are full. 1a just been let.
- Two weeks ago rockfield site reps came to Drybridge to have a look around. Oh my gosh this should be encouraged to all sites. It's a great way to support each other and pick up tips. Sunday 6th. I've been to visit rockfield site. A big thank you to both site reps for their time. I've learnt alot.
- Very excited to be having a hot compost bin. Hope it comes with some kind of training how to use.
- We have a gold para Olympic medalist on site. He's also broken European world record.
- I was very disappointed with the change the judging. Omitting the first time gardeners. I had pre told all my newbies who were excited to enter.
- Thank you to M.W. For the sheet given me on site. Sunday. 6th. I straight away saw a mistake with a plot and name. Thank you Val. For correcting this.
- It has now been suggested that I send new plot holder paperwork to lettings agent, Secretary and treasurer. This I will do.
- Is there any update on the paperwork giving Drybridge access to the allotment through asda? Thank you. Although all is quiet at this time.
- I have two plots to have letters . I will contact D.M. With plot numbers.

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- Some very weedy plots.
- One plot holder is giving up.
- HCB visited Rockfield site and thanked SF and DF for their time in showing them around.

**Eign:** Site Rep could not attend meeting:

- Water reading 262.29
- No problems
- Not too good at overwintering and long fallow period
- Track and entrance grass cut by one plot holder

**Holmer:** Update from MW:

- Water reading 3906 skate park 0002
- Plot holder swapped plots
- Some letters of concerns have been sent to plots not being maintained as no contact from plot holders despite various attempts.

**Rockfield:** Update from SF & DF:

- Water reading 7080/ 59
- Lots of weed growth at the moment. Some plot holders just don't come.
- Need hedge cutting and 're-wilded' bank cut.
- The toilet seems to be working OK for the most part. The latest email seems to have had some effect. The fan seems to be working now. Shed door doesn't shut properly - a plot holder is going to help this.
- DF has got rid of three wasp's nests so far. Another plot holder has reported having one in their shed which they paid to get removed.
- Have seen rats, DF thinks they are digging up potatoes. TB advised the site was visited 20/08 but there are a lot of bait boxes missing. Bait boxes need to be left alone and not moved around by plot holders. They are put where they are for a reason.
- Plot holder swapping to Drybridge site as lives closer to Drybridge.
- Requested update on when additional site rep will be appointed. PS will be in contact.

**Westfaling:** Update from JP:

- Water reading 01042

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- Everyones now reaping all of their hard work by picking their produce. All tidy and being maintained.
- Person who is leaving one plot has not finished clearing yet so allowing him to clear.
- Toilets cleaned.
- Grass cut.
- New signs made for numbers of plots by JP.
- One of plot holders as cleaned up a mess by the tree - thank you very much to him.

### **Wordsworth:** Update from MP:

- Meter reading 5627
- Some produce has been stolen.
- A couple of plots keeping an eye on.
- One plot will be split in half.
- A letter to be sent - number of plot given to DM at the meeting.

### **AOB:**

- Prize Giving Saturday 9th September 2023 at Town Hall at 10:30. All plot holders who were awarded a prize in this year's summer judging are invited. Emails have been site with details of prize giving but Site Reps to remind those who were awarded to a prize of the details.

END OF MEETING

Next Meeting: Monday 18th September 2023 @ 18:30 at Hereford Welsh Club.