

# Hereford Allotment & Leisure Gardeners

## Site Rep Meeting Minutes

Date: 16th October 2023

Attendees: David Fletcher (DF), Malcolm Watkin (MW), Roland Brown (RB), Tasha Bennett (TB), Derek Mumford (DM), Val Simms (VS), Pauline Shannon (PS), Annie Jones (AJ), Jo Simms (JS), Sylvia Fletcher (SF), Jan Poole (JP), Chris Yapp (CY)

Apologies: John Rosser (JR), Vivienne Webster (VW), Roy Matthews (RM), Helen Cooper-Bennett (HCB), Mick Paine (MP)

Absent:

Chair: Pauline Shannon (PS)

Previous minutes: All OK.

### Site rep reports by exception

**Ash:** Update from PS:

- Water reading
- Plots are slightly dishevelled but changes in the weather doesn't help and time of year.
- Compost hot bin is incredible.

**College:** Update for JS:

- Water reading 2922.
- When will hedge be cut? VS advised quotes have just been received and will be reviewed by Trustees.
- Hot compost bin is on site.
- Large quantity of ivy has been sumped on plot 11 and 12. It is assumed by householder as off their wall.
- One plot holder giving up and potentially another will be given up by end of year.

**Corporation:** Update from AJ:

- Water reading 1668.
- Water turned off.
- Plot holders tidying up.
- Four plots swapping around.

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- One not decided yet if going to continue next year.
- No further issues with the toilet.
- One plot holder has had tenancy terminator.

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

- Water reading: 1833
- Grass has been cut.
- School visit was cancelled by school due to illness. It was rescheduled for the 3rd October but cancelled again due to teacher who had bug then. We haven't 're arranged yet.
- New plot holders working well.
- Some plots who have had letters have made small progress in clearing up.
- Another plot has removed all the car parts.
  
- A plot holder is back off honeymoon and is now going to focus on his plot.
- One plot has taken a lot of clearing by HCB and plot holders who have helped.
- HCB took a driver licence to Hereford police station and handed it in.
- HCB has recycled paper, cardboard, glass, metal, and plastic items.
- If anyone knows where there is going to be a bonfire the armchair and tables can go please let HCB know.
- HCB thanks the plot holders who have been helping me.

### **Eign:** Update from CY:

- Water reading 266.
- Welcome back to CY as site rep.
- Hot bin has been set up by CY.
- CY will cut the hedge.

### **Holmer:** Update from MW:

- Water reading 3933 skate park: 00091.
- Plots being tidied up for end of year.
- 1 half plot to let.
- 2 plots holders giving up at the end of the year.
- MW will contact the racecourse as not done the top end of the hedge.

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### **Rockfield:** Update from DF:

- Water reading 07104/21
- Plenty of harvesting and clearing taking place.
- The two letters of concern requested have achieved results. One has cleared everything off their plot.
- One has decided she no longer has time to do it so has given it up.
- Was offered a load of chippings and two lots arrived so will not need any for a long time.
- DF has ordered a bag of scalpings to repair potholes.
- There have been sightings of rats. It was advised at the meeting that the contract for pest control is for 4 visits per year. The contract is due for renewal in November.
- The toilet fan has stopped working. The toilet is full of maggots because of this.
- It was confirmed to DF that when he measures the plot he should measure half of the path each side too.
- DF has requested for hedge to be cut..
- There will be some plots to let at the end of the year.

### **Westfaling:** Update from JP:

- Water reading 01055
- Site is generally all ok.
- MW is supporting with one of the plots.
- Roof sheet has been disposed of.
- One rat has been seen on site. If contract is renewed next visit will be November.
- Plot holders are harvesting and getting soil ready for winter or planting spring veg.
- Property owners' hedge adjacent to site, is overgrown, which is making the mowing impossible and the pathway is very narrow. JP has spoken with them and they will replace the hedge with the fence. He will let JP know when it is going to be done.

### **Wordsworth:** Update from MW:

- Meter reading 5674.

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- VS had a call from Welsh Water today (16/10/23) and informed her that the meter is turning over in case there was a problem. MW informed he would check it in the morning.
- Two plot holders are considering downsizing from full plots to half plots.
- A plot available to let soon.
- A plot holder on site was bitten by a baby adder.

### **AOB:**

- MW will be the site rep coordinator (thank you MW). He will be the point of contact for site reps. Please ensure he is treated with respect. We will trial and get feedback from MW.
- Following on from last month's meeting are there any suggestions or proposals from the site reps reference summer judging criteria? PS asked site reps to bring ideas to next meeting. JS advised she had received feedback for environment to be considered in the criteria e.g. what people are doing to encourage wildlife on the allotment. Also smaller plots won't be able to grow all varieties.

END OF MEETING

Next Meeting: Monday 20th November 2023 @ 18:30 at Hereford Welsh Club.