

Cherry Gardens

The site is full with a waiting list.

Staff have prepared the plots which have changed hands.

One annual rental remains out standing and has been chased. Unfortunately the tenant had provided an email address for correspondence but has since advised they do not use email so they had not received the annual reminder in October.

Netherfield Hill

1 vacancy at this site.

The grass cutting of the Optivo land adjacent to the site has still not been completed, this was due to June 2021.

Further emails have been sent requesting this matter is dealt with.

Following activity on the planning application, on the adjacent land, a request had been sent requesting consideration of a water supply for the allotment site, a response is still awaited.

Virgins Croft

The site is full with a short waiting list.

A request was made to UKPN to cut trees overhanging the left boundary of the site. It has since been identified that the trees are not on land owned by UKPN.

It was noted that UKPN had used the allotment site to access their land to cut back growth from power lines.

During the process of this work the Council's fence was removed and not replaced adequately. Contact has been made advising UKPN need to reinstate the fence, to its original position and they are not to access the allotment site without permission from the office.

Ground staff have agreed boundary hedge work with some neighbours in Oakhurst Road but it has been explained that this work does not set a precedent and was undertaken as an act of goodwill.

Watch Oak

The site has several vacancies.

Issues have arisen with the top side gate. Tenants have chosen to keep a padlock on this gate but this has been changed several times leading to concerns being sent to the office as the latest lock requires a key which tenants are expected to purchase from another tenant. A key has been supplied free of charge to the Council on request. It has been explained that the Council will only maintain a lock on the vehicle accessible gate and has suggested the concerned tenants raise the issue with the allotment association.

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