

Assistant Town Clerk allotment report for Environment meeting 7th June 2022

An inspection was carried out by the Assistant Town Clerk and a member of Ground staff. Councillor Sharman joined the inspection at Cherry Gardens and Virgins Croft. The SAA representatives joined the inspection group at Virgins Lane and Watch oak sites.

In general all sites are being well maintained, a few letters have been issued where there is a lack of cultivation or significant feed growth. One tenant at Cherry Gardens has been advised that the plot will be re-inspected in 1 month's time and the tenancy may be revoked if there is no work undertaken. A letter has also been sent to a tenant where only part of the plot is cultivated, this is a large plot and could be split to provide a plot for someone on the waiting list. This will be reviewed at the next inspection

On arrival at Watch Oak it was noted that there were tyre tracks going down into the site. An email has be sent to all tenants reminding them that vehicles are not to be taken into the site.

Staff reported the skips were well used but sensibly loaded which they appreciated.

Cherry Gardens

The site is full with a waiting list of 7 people. 2 plots are in the process of being given up and these will be offered to new tenants when available although it is becoming late in the growing season.

A fence panel which was screening the top plots from the community garden will be removed as this is broken and no longer required.

Netherfield Hill

1 vacancy at this site.

The land adjacent to the plots has been cut back but the regrowth is already quite significant.

Virgins Croft

The site is full with a short waiting list.

The saplings planted to fill in the hedgeline are looking good.

Watch Oak

The site has several vacancies.

The shed from the communal plot has blown off from it's base and will be offered to any tenant wishing to move it to within their plot as this is no longer used as a communal storage facility.

JdG

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