

Senlac Allotment Report - 18/1/24

Brief update on the accessibility plot. Battle Festival have asked to be involved in an open day on the plot during the time of the festival. To include music and refreshments. The SAA were welcoming of the idea and the plot in general. An invitation to be made to Wild About Battle to attend future SAA meetings.

WAB to invite SAA to the inspection of the allotment plot along with BTC Grounds Staff.

A BBQ for all allotment members is planned for the 11th August in the Cherry Gardens above the Cherry Garden Allotments.

Matters Arising

- Electricity board are still yet to fix the fence at Virgins Croft. Any update would be welcomed.
- The addition of a handrail running from the accessible plot to the water supply was mentioned. Steve Mellor the rep for Cherry Gardens Allotment site said he would be happy to maintain it.
- Replacement of the no trespassing signs at Watch Oak. BTC supplied these before but the laminated signs have since disintegrated due to the weather.

Changes to the allotment agreement

Cllr Burton and myself had suggested some changes to the new tenant agreement. The following is our suggestions in bold followed by SAA comments.

Instillation of natural rain capture no longer optional no issue.

No bonfires or fires of any sort such as BBQs “Although it was appreciated that the indiscriminate lighting of bonfires could be a problem, this total ban was considered too restrictive. It was suggested that a total ban only be applicable in drought conditions when the Fire Brigade had issued a no fire order.”

No use of pesticides or weedkiller. “Again, this was considered too restrictive and perhaps it should be only organic and legally approved products are allowed.” Also “it may lead to more tenants giving up on plots if they cannot properly deal with pests and weeds”