Best Practice Allotment Guidelines

In the summer of 2023, Battle Town Council declared a climate emergency. As a result, we encourage allotment holders to prioritise supporting biodiversity, conserving natural resources and helping the Council to mitigate climate change thus ensuring the long-term health and productivity of your allotment, as well as contributing positively to the surrounding ecosystem.

Our top tips for sustainable, environmentally friendly gardening are:

- Prioritise organic gardening practices, such as composting kitchen waste and using only natural fertilisers, to reduce the carbon footprint of your allotment.
- Opt for drought-resistant and native plant species to conserve water and adapt to changing climate conditions.
- Practice crop rotation to maintain soil health and prevent the buildup of pests and diseases.
- Install rainwater harvesting systems to collect and reuse rainwater for watering your allotment, reducing reliance on water sources.
- Implement mulching techniques to retain soil moisture, suppress weeds, and improve soil structure, thus reducing the need for watering and synthetic herbicides.
- Integrate companion planting methods to naturally repel pests and promote beneficial insect populations, reducing the need for chemical pesticides.
- Use renewable and biodegradable materials for constructing raised beds, compost bins, and other allotment structures to minimise environmental impact.
- Embrace regenerative gardening principles by focusing on soil regeneration, biodiversity enhancement, and carbon sequestration to contribute positively to climate mitigation efforts.
- Engage with the local community to share resources, knowledge, and experiences, fostering a culture of sustainability and resilience within the allotment community.