

Allotment report for Environment Committee meeting 2 December 2019

Most annual renewals have been received. Emails and phone calls have been made for the overdue accounts.

The tree at Cherry Gardens is scheduled to be pollarded by 3 metres on 19th December, as agreed at Environment Committee meeting of 22 October 2019.

The next allotment inspection will be undertaken on 4th December and will concentrate on building and boundaries.

The minutes from the SAA AGM are yet to be received but we have been advised that Jacqui Post has taken over the position of Secretary. Cherry Gardens will have a new allotment rep following the retirement of Mr Harmer.

Cherry Gardens –

There have been several tenancy changes and there is currently 1 vacancy

Netherfield Hill –

No vacancies

Virgins Croft –

One plot has been split to accommodate an existing tenant who has suffered a medical issue but wanted to continue with their allotment garden.

There are currently 2 vacancies.

Watch Oak –

Several people have not renewed their tenancy, including the plot with the chicken coop, which had led to 11 vacancies currently at this site.

The Council has received reports of thefts and a further break in to one particular plot. This tenant has declined to renew again this year but will continue in a plot share with another existing tenant.

Tenants have been reminded not to leave any valuable equipment on the allotment sites.

There have been 2 instances of sewage leaks at Watch Oak. Both issues have been deal with promptly by water authorities. The leaks were onto communal areas, no reports have been received of waste being on individual plots.

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