

Allotment report from Assistant to Town Clerk 26th May 2020

The planned inspection for 19th March did not take place due to office work required to implement impending COVID-19 restrictions.

Notices have been placed at all sites advising the Government's guidance regarding access to allotments during the COVID restrictions and bonfires have been banned.

The planned skips for the May bank holiday weekend were cancelled as social distancing would not be possible; it might encourage residents to break restrictions to visit the sites and the skips could potentially be filled by non-allotment holders. It was agreed with the Senlac Allotment Association to discuss the provision of skips later in the year when restrictions are lifted.

Several enquiries have been received regarding allotment plots and these have led to plots being taken on by new tenants, this includes 1 at Virgins Croft, 3 at Watch Oak (plus 1 of these tenants taking a second plot) and 1 at Cherry Gardens. Steve has been preparing new plots as required.

Only 1 tenant has notified the Council that they are unable to tend their plot.

A report of deer on Watch Oak has been received. It is noted that this is an ongoing problem but previous investigations have not found any suitable solutions.

Current vacancies;

Cherry Gardens – none (waiting list of 5 people)

Netherfield Hill – none

Virgins Croft – 1 full plot however, this has been vacant for several years so may be difficult to make cultivatable in a short amount of time if requested & 1 taster plot.

Watch Oak – 7 full plots & all taster plots

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