

Allotments Report Sept 2024

It is that time of year when rents become due for next year. Our new Deputy Clerk, Leanne Castle, has done a fantastic job sending out the renewal invitations to all plotholders – no mean task. It is also a busy harvest time on the allotments when we can reap the benefits of our labours. It is also a time of change on the allotments. Some plotholders want to downsize, other want to upsize, others want to give up their plots. And we have a waiting list of people eagerly wanting allotments. Most of our allotments go to people within Wickham but there are also a significant number of plotholders from surrounding towns and villages. We are fortunate to have such a great allotment hub here in Wickham Market supporting the local and wider community.

On Simons Cross, where we have 49 allotments, I am pleased to report that all plots are currently taken. On the Glebe we currently have 85 allotments, some of which have become vacant, but we do have a growing waiting list and from 1st October we will start allocating vacant plots to those on the list and welcoming new plotholders into our allotment community.

On the whole, both sites are in pretty good shape, but we do have some problem plots on the Glebe. We are engaging with the Parish Council to try and resolve these issues.

Sadly, the community plot on the Glebe which was set up a couple of years ago has fallen into disuse. It is a great shame, but the plot will now be reallocated as a normal plot unless someone comes forward to resurrect it as a community plot.

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