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CHICHESTER CITY COUNCIL

# Allotment Newsletter

## A Message from Peter Roberts, Property Manager

Welcome to the latest issue of the Allotment Newsletter. You will no doubt have noted the ongoing diligent efforts of our maintenance team in clearing the common areas and overgrown plots. This has greatly improved the sites and we hope will encourage a sense of pride in plot holders regarding their plots and sites.

We look forward to a new growing season and hope that you will all enjoy the



### Amnesty on unsightly structures and carpet on plots

A number of plots have very unsightly and structurally unsound sheds or other structures. There has also been a misguided use of carpet as a weed suppressant over the years. The chemicals from carpets leech into the soil causing contamination and are very difficult to remove once they've become entangled with weeds.

<https://www.gracelands.garden/environment/carpet-allotments/>

Many plots also have quantities of other household or commercial materials stored on them. We therefore request that all plot holders check their plots, repair or replace dilapidated sheds and other structures and remove and responsibly dispose of all carpet and other household or commercial waste within the next year.

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 we will operate a 'zero-tolerance' policy towards dilapidated structures, carpet etc. and any plot holders having such items on their plot will be given a 28 day removal notice, which if not complied with, will lead to eviction from the site.

We are determined to manage the allotment land properly from now on and to combat what amounts to fly-tipping that has occurred for many years on the allotment sites. Allotment plots are solely for the cultivation of fruit and vegetables for personal consumption, not for storage of any waste or non-allotment related items or materials. For a detailed explanation of allotment rules, please refer to the Allotment Rules & Guidelines booklet, a

### Parking

For the avoidance of any doubt, parking has never been provided at any of our allotment sites. With the exception of Durnford Close, which is land-locked, all our sites have a short duration drop off/pick up point when bulky or heavy items need to be delivered



### Monday 30th March.

In case you haven't collected enough rain water in the last few months, the water will be turned back on.



### Plot Inspections

The next formal plot inspections will be carried out week commencing 11th May 2020.



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VEGETABLE  
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Nourishing Our Nation  
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UKHarvest is a Chichester based charity, which rescues excess perishable food, from commercial outlets, food distribution centres and farms, to deliver it, direct and free of charge to charities, which support vulnerable people. We currently collect from over 40 donors, including Arundel Allotments and we



would love to collect surplus from the allotments in Chichester too!

Any fresh fruit and vegetables that you can donate to us, would be used in a variety of ways. At one of our surplus suppers, where we invite the community together, to enjoy a delicious meal, and at the same time help to overcome social isolation or raise awareness on how to reduce food waste or combat food insecurity. Or sent out in a food crate to one of the 110 charities that we distribute fresh food to, such as a homeless shelter, school or community centre. Or the food could be used in our Nourish Café, in Draper's Yard, Chichester, to showcase what nutritious dishes can be made with food that would otherwise have gone into landfill.

If you do have surplus food, that you would like to donate to UKHarvest, please contact us:

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### Composting

We encourage composting of green waste, but this must be within the confines of your own plot.

You must not dump green waste on any common areas or in the hedge row. This is fly tipping and will be dealt with as such.

Any green waste that you cannot compost on your own plot must be responsibly disposed of at the recycling

