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Allotment Newsletter

A Message from the Property Manager

Welcome to the latest issue of the Allotment Newsletter. No doubt it seems no time ago since you received your last invoice, and that's true. As you will recall from the last newsletter and the notice that accompanied your invoice sent in October 2016 we have changed the invoice date so that rents are now paid in advance rather than 6 month in arrears. The detailed explanation and practical reasons for this were outlined previously and hopefully are well understood. We're grateful for your cooperation.

With the appointment of Stephen Le Gallez as Property Maintenance Officer last year we've been able to make good progress with addressing uncultivated plots, letting vacant plots and general maintenance of the sites. We are now very pleased to welcome Gareth Bowen to the Property team and are confident that this will further improve our management of allotments, as well as other City assets. This will provide an improvement in value for your allotment rent to balance the staged increase in rents of which you were advised in the last newsletter.

We look forward to a positive year ahead and hope that together we'll be able to encourage a strong community spirit and pride in the appearance of each plot and allotment site so as to enhance your enjoyment of allotment gardening.

Peter Roberts
Property Manager

Volunteer Site Stewards

Volunteer site stewards liaise between tenants and the City Council regarding allotment issues. They are not maintenance or enforcement officers but are a useful link between tenants and the council so as to improve communication. Andrew Perry (Florence Road 2), Julia Lander and Veronica Wiseman (Kingsham Avenue) and Fiona Dobbs (St Pauls) have kindly volunteered and will meet on a regular basis with the Property Maintenance team. We are hoping to be able to appoint volunteer stewards for the other sites. If you are interested in being a volunteer steward please contact the Property Manager by email: p.roberts@chichestercity.gov.uk

Plot Boundaries

We again politely request that you mark all four corners of your plot with a post or stake with your plot number clearly displayed to assist us in identifying plots when carrying out inspections. A big thanks to those of you who have already done this. We also remind you that under the terms of the tenancy agreement it is your responsibility to keep any paths or hedgerows forming the boundary to your plot tidy and well pruned.

St James Road

We have taken over a disused and overgrown plot to create a secure storage compound and green waste recycling area for our Property Maintenance team. The green waste skip in this compound is strictly for Council use only and is for the recycling of cuttings generated by our allotment and green spaces maintenance works.



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