

'GREEN FINGERS'

ALLOTMENT NEWSLETTER



2016



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The Councillor's bit

It has been a busy year on the allotments, in more ways than one.

Early in the year, I took possession of an allotment in Hall Road and set about digging and planting in time-honoured fashion. I have been getting to grips with the cultivation and maintenance of the plot and enjoying the produce. We have particularly enjoyed some very delicious sweetcorn, raspberries, leeks and sprouts.

The Hall Road allotments are non-council and it is interesting to see the differences. The site has lower rents but not so much in the way of added extras (toilet, community area, parking etc). However, the plots look good and the people look happy. You just can't beat a few hours on a sunny day tending a plot.

I have been working with officers to see the new allotment strategy through the consultation and approval process and it is now adopted. Thank you to all who commented and took part in the consultation earlier in 2015, when we asked for your feedback on the allotments service and site priorities going forward.

247 plot-holders filled in the survey, which is one third of Council allotment tenants. It was a great response. We have gained some very useful information that has helped to guide policy and spending. Overall there was some very positive feedback, with 70% rating the allotment service good or very good.

We are looking to focus on security at the Midwinter and Hayden sites and to make additional provision for gardeners using wheelchairs or mobility scooters. Feedback on plot rent has been taken on board and it has been agreed that rents and charges will be subject to no more than an inflationary increase for the next 5 years. The strategy and action plan can be viewed on the Council's website.

As we reported last year, waiting lists are falling so we are going to proceed cautiously in terms of any additional allotment provision. With people wanting smaller plots, we are able to accommodate more people on the same area of land. A shorter waiting list also means that it is a good time to apply for a plot, so do spread the word among friends and neighbours.

Wishing everyone a good year on their allotment.

Councillor Chris Coleman
Cabinet Member Clean and Green Environment



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Allotment officer's bit

Last year, I reported that the demands of job, evening talks, family life etc had led to serious neglect of the allotment, resulting in finally (reluctantly) handing it back.

Well it lasted for about 4 months. In April, the parish council volunteer who runs the site knocked on my door to report that there was a very small plot, unclaimed and forlorn, in need of care and attention. Surely, I couldn't leave it in such a sorry state; undug, unloved, untenanted, uncultivated, unused (he laid it on with a trowel...).

My arm was twisted (not very hard). I would take on the plot! Then I visited it...

Concrete. Solid concrete (or should that be cement...). I bashed down with a pick axe and managed to drop in some seed potatoes and then covered the whole plot with well-rotted manure. It was all I could do. I might have been able to chip out a small hole for squashes but parsnips and carrots were out of the question.

Meanwhile, back in the office, the allotment surveys needed collating...

And there was a strategy to write and sites to inspect and troublesome allotment holders to deal with (just one or two), a competition to organise, locks to repair, notices to write, tenancy agreements to issue, trees to prune, wildlife to rescue...

Well it wasn't as if it was worth taking time off to go to the allotment! As the potatoes struggled to force a path through impenetrable hardened clay, a nasturtium colonised the entire surface, smothering the plot in a carpet of orange blossom.

The only person in our family with any horticultural success this year was The Sprog who got top marks for her sunflower (a nursery project).



Sprog showing off her sunflower...



Nasturtium invasion ...



2015 was an odd sort of growing year, with a cold start and mixed weather. A warm autumn saw people harvesting beans in November and greenhouse tomatoes still going in December. And the weeds just kept growing! Let's hope a cold snap kills off the bugs. Black-fly was a major problem in 2015. Best wishes for the year ahead.

Fiona Warin, Allotment Officer



SITE NEWS

Alma Road: For a facility that some people poo-pooed, the site toilet is apparently seeing plenty of use (according to Chris, the very helpful warden, on a nearby plot). I am wholly in favour of anything that enables people to spend all day at the site: digging, weeding, tending crops, mowing paths, communing with nature...

In the competition, Chris was Warden's Cup runner-up for his very productive plot and Mr Howes and Mrs Roberts, plot 30a, were praised for their Jolly Good Plot. Big cheers for the Williams, runners-up in the Senior Section.



Super cabbages on plot 30a



Lovely layout on plot 40
Mr and Mrs Williams



Asquith Road: Peter Cadogan and Hugh Nicholson have done a grand job this year, letting plots and keeping a close eye on things.



Succession planting on plot 59a



A fantastic start on plot 53a



Veg a-plenty on 103b/c

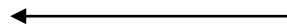
A flurry of plot lettings has meant lots of new faces, many of whom have been getting stuck in. John Rolfe on plot 53a was highly commended in the new tenant section of the competition, while the Cadogans on 103b/c and Serena Meredith on 117a were recognised for their Jolly Good Plots. Annette and Phill Avery on 59a were highly commended in the senior competition.

Thank you to all who help to trim hedges, cut the grass paths, plant flowers at the entrance and more. The site was runner-up in the Best Kept Site competition so well done to everyone for keeping the site and the plots looking so good.

Hatherley Road: Congratulations to Brian Fitts on plot 3, who triumphed in the hotly contested senior section of the allotment competition and runner-up John Viveash on plot 21. It was the quality and range of crops on Brian's plot that wowed the judges. Many thanks to Rob the warden. The site is well tenanted and looking good.



Brian's winning plot



John's lovely veggies



Hayden Road: Phil continues to win over converts to the no-dig approach. You will need a small mountain of well-rotted manure or compost. With no wooden frames around the beds, the snails have to look elsewhere for somewhere to hide / breed.

In the competition, Mike and Liz King were highly commended for plot 40 H2, as were the Sadowski family on plot 36 H2. The previously mentioned Phil Roberts on 19b / 20b H2 came 3rd in the General Section and Cliff Pitt won the Hesters Way Councillors Cup for his valued contribution to the running of the site. CCP won the Chris Ryder Award for best community allotment. Many thanks to Tracy and Roger and all who help on site tidy-up days. Looking good!



Mike & Liz's new plot



Sadowski family plot



Phil's winning onions



Lovely warden Cliff

Midwinter: Some site improvements this year with a roadway installed at the far end and a flooded area cleared for drainage. Lots of plots re-let so plenty of new faces.

There was success for Richard Holland and Simon Harris on plot 97a who were runners up in the Midwinter new tenant competition and for John Rendell on plot 63 who came 1st, being awarded the Kenneth Walker Memorial Cup. He also came 2nd in the new tenant competition overall. Terry and Denise on plots 100/120 were highly commended in the senior section and the site cleaned up in the general section of the competition: Highly commended for the Littles on plot 132, 3rd place for Simon Burton on 126/146, 2nd place for Mervyn Snow and Ben Stokes on 32b/33b and 1st place for Adam Lees on 112/113. Trophies galore!



Lovely layout on 100/120



Trophy-winning 63



Busy bees on 32b/33b



Winning plot 112/113



A great start on plot 97a



Very productive 126/146



Another view of 112/113

Reddings Road: It was another good year for the Reddings Road site with the hard work being rewarded with the Thornton Shield for best kept site. A big thank you to Brian and everyone who helps to maintain the site.

Brian won the Warden's Cup for best kept volunteer warden plot and he was also awarded the Ken Townsend Rose Bowl for best plot in the competition. I doubt if anyone at the site is surprised. The plot is always highly productive and immaculate.

John Stokes on plot 16b was highly commended in the new tenant competition for the amount he had planted so soon after taking on the plot. The winners in the new tenant competition were the Lewis family on plot 2a for their colourful and very productive allotment, which the whole family is involved in. Congratulations also to Jenny Spooner who was highly commended in the senior competition.



Plentiful planting on 16b



Brian's Wow Factor plot



Jenny's weed-free 12a



Lovely Lewis Lettuce

Severn Road:

Kevin keeps a good eye on the site and is much praised by the plot-holders for his assistance and advice. We have had a little influx of new tenants who have been making good progress on their plots.

Richard Wheatley and Libbie Tutterova got straight to work, winning a highly commended certificate in the new tenant competition for their efforts.



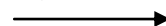
Terry Ashdown:



The Williams
plot of plenty



Barbara's
garden of
delights



Rosemary continues to go above and beyond, mowing paths and helping with plot clearance. A few plots have changed hands and the site is looking well-tended and cared for. Congratulations to Barbara on plot 6 for her highly commended certificate in the competition and the Williamses for their Jolly Good Plot.

The new(ish) padlock is still on probation, with possible further intervention needed. There was a rare security incident during the year, reminding everyone of the need to keep the site locked and the combination 'scrambled' at all times.

Warden Hill: Another site looking well-tended, with nearly all plots receiving a good level of attention and cultivation. Mark has been assisting with plot letting and trouble-shooting, which has been a great help. Gina Gibbs was highly commended in the new tenant competition and Karen Byers in the general section. Both have delightful plots with lots of floral and creative touches. Pop along for inspiration...



Karen's delightful shed



and delightful sitting area



and Gina's delightful plot

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Our First Year on the Plot

**The Lewis Family report on their year
at Reddings Road site...**

We've all been addicted to growing veg for a long time and had a couple of raised beds in our garden. The kids have always loved helping to grow things: The tomatoes, beans, peas and other veg rarely made it to the kitchen, as they would just pick it and eat it! The best way really...

We were all very excited when we were told we finally had an allotment after more than 4 years on the waiting list. It was a bit daunting at first as it was January - cold and muddy - but the kids loved the mud.

We all pitched in to dig out all of the weeds, drew up a plan for the plot and then sectioned it out based on a four year crop rotation. Lots of research went in to that!

It was amazing when we finally started planting. The kids have their own areas and choose what goes in to them. They know they're responsible for the planting and weeding.

We really wanted the kids to know where their food comes from and how it grows... and that the crazy looking carrots (we had lots of them) taste better than the perfectly straight ones from the supermarket.

It was great not to have to buy veg from the supermarket, and all our meals were based around what we picked each week.

Both the kids have earned their gardening badges at Brownies and Beavers - and very proud they were too! The allotment is hard work but so much fun. We've even had a few BBQs there.



Everyone at the site has been so friendly and keen to pass on their great advice.

We were thrilled when we won the new tenant award. It just shows what we can do as a family.

Jennie, Andy,
Isabelle & Jamie Lewis



Thirty Years of Digging

**Nic Brown looks back on 30 years
at Asquith Road allotment site**

When completing my allotment holder's questionnaire last year, it came as a bit of a shock to realise that I've had my plot at Asquith Road for over 30 years. This prompted some reflections on what's changed on the site over that time.

One major change has been the sub-division of plots into 2 or even 3 smaller units. So the site is much busier than it used to be, in spite of the introduction of locking gates, which meant the end of a steady stream of school children taking a short cut.

Children on the allotments were a great source of irritation to some elderly plot-holders. I would regularly have to defend the honour of my (reasonably behaved) offspring against accusations of vandalism from a grumpy neighbour. My children could never be persuaded to work the plot so it's nice to see several young families on the site with children willingly helping their parents and grandparents.

Although it has been a slow process, the site has been improved over the years, particularly with the upgrade of the water supply (plenty of taps *and* decent water pressure) and the tarmac car park at the Old Bath Road end. Less important to me (I live close by) was the composting toilet but this green initiative is another example of change over the years; concern for the local (and global) environment.

30 years ago, the general rule was 'if it moves, spray it and if it doesn't move... burn it'. Nowadays, just about every plot has a compost bin. Pest control is more likely to be attempted using fleece or netting (not that you would ever spray a woodpigeon).

I don't know how many plot holders are fully organic but there is much less spraying now and this possibly accounts for the variety of wildlife at the site. While I haven't seen a grass snake for several years, my slow worm colony is thriving and foxes put in a regular appearance. We even had a deer on site a couple of years ago. 2014 was the best year for butterflies in a long time and the bird life continues to flourish.

Another big change is how people use their plots. Thirty years ago, the emphasis was on mass production, with neat rows of traditional vegetables growing alongside the rhubarb, raspberries and currant bushes. Visit the site now and raised beds are ubiquitous and exotic vegetables, herbs, blueberries etc grown for variety and taste.

What about the next thirty years? Will climate change alter what we grow? Will 'no dig', permaculture and hydroponics appear on site? No solar panels or wind turbines yet but allotment holders are an inventive and creative bunch so who knows...

As for me, I'm in no hurry to retire my spade. After 30 years, I'm still learning. Find me a chemical-free cure for blackfly and carrot root fly and I'm good for another 30!



Allotment Competition

More information for keen growers

In June, site volunteers and the allotment officer identify well-tended plots for competition entry. There are three main sections: New Tenant, General Section and Over 60s. All plots are considered. You may not know you have been nominated.

A committee member of the C&DAHA (see below) and the allotment officer visit all the plots again and narrow it down to the best 10 in each category. They also tour the sites to ensure all plots have been considered and late entrants are put through.

In July, the judges visit each plot and award points for range of crops, quality of crops, weed control, environmental consideration (use of mulch or leaf mould, rainwater capture, composting etc), plot layout and wow factor (it can be the crops that wow or use of flowers or fantastic use of a greenhouse or a different approach).

In September or October, the Council hosts a sparkling awards evening at the municipal offices, with drinks and nibbles, followed by the trophies and certificates being presented by the Mayor of Cheltenham.



Cheltenham & District Allotment Holders Association

*Affiliated to the National Allotment Society and the
Gloucestershire Federation of Gardening Societies*

- 3 meetings per year for members and trips to places of interest
- Seed scheme (savings of approximately 40%)
- Annual plot competition (separate to CBC one described above)
- Advice from the National Allotment Society for members
- Informative website
- Consult with Borough Council on e.g. tenancies, rents etc
- 10% discount at Dundry Nurseries
- Insurance giving public liability cover in relation to the allotment

The annual membership subscription is currently £5.50, with subscription renewals due on 1st January.

Membership secretary: Mr. C A Smith, 15, Dunster Road, Cheltenham.
GL51 0NL Tel: 01242 523740. For more information see the Association website at: www.cheltenhamallotments.org.



Wardens & Site Volunteers

Some sites have wardens and some have volunteers. All do essentially the same thing, helping the Council to manage the allotment service by letting vacant plots, meeting and greeting potential plot-holders and offering guidance on how to get started.

Some spend a lot of time contacting people off the waiting list. The largest sites can see a plot turnover of 20 to 30 plots each year. Volunteers also keep the office informed of any issues (broken taps, abandoned plots etc).

Some people are happy to help out but don't feel the need to stand out so there may not be an official warden or a name and contact number on the noticeboard. We are grateful for all assistance. It helps maintain standards with ever-increasing numbers of allotment holders.

Many volunteers do a lot more than plot-letting. Site maintenance is undertaken and social events organised. Noticeboards are maintained too. Do join in a tidy-up day or BBQ and a very big thank you to all who help out.



Top Tips for Busy Gardeners

Short on time but keen to keep plotting? Here are a few tips to help you make the most of the allotment and the time available.

- Get a hoe. A frantic 10 minutes slicing at weeds can achieve a great deal, compared with the same amount of time spent hand-weeding.
- Plant squashes (butternut, winter, summer, pumpkins) and invest in a large piece of weed-suppressant fabric. The squashes grow across the top of the fabric. Heaps of squashes (some store for months) and a large area of the plot covered over, so less weeding to do.
- Don't be overly worried about digging-in the compost or manure. Leave it on the top and the worms will have a good go on your behalf.
- Some crops need more tending than others. Soft fruits (rhubarb, currants, gooseberries, autumn raspberries) are low maintenance. Potatoes and onions too. Squashes and sweetcorn are pretty good and so are beans but they do need harvesting more frequently. Tiny courgettes can grow into 2 foot long marrows overnight (slight exaggeration) and need to be picked often. I grow them at home.
- See if you can organise a rota for grass cutting of allotment boundary paths. If you join forces with a few other people, you will have to do several paths at once, but not very often...



Allotment Problems

Information on issues affecting some allotments and allotment-holders

Theft from allotment plots is quite rare at most sites but two sites are experiencing a problem. At Hayden and Midwinter sites, 60% of allotment holders reported (via the survey) that they had experienced a theft from their allotment in the last five years.

At Hayden, there are periodic shed break-ins with many sheds targeted at the same time. Last year, this occurred shortly after a national paper reported that people hid Christmas presents in sheds so that the children wouldn't find them. Not helpful!

Often nothing is taken but a locked shed can give the impression of valuables inside so the door or lock is smashed. Many of those who do not lock their sheds find the door is opened but nothing taken. We advise that you keep nothing of value or sentimental value at the site. Power tools can be targeted so best to store at home.

At Midwinter, some people believe that there are one or two plot-holders who are helping themselves to crops off other plots. We don't know if this is true or if someone is gaining access from outside but it seems to be more than occasional. In order to reduce suspicion, we would like to ask all plot-holders to avoid going on to any other plot unless you have been invited by the plot-holder.

If you ask someone to e.g. feed your chickens or harvest your soft fruit while you are away, please let the neighbouring plot-holders know so that they won't worry that someone is on your plot without permission. Please keep an eye out for people you do not recognise or people in the wrong place.

If you are going to use a wildlife-type camera on your plot, please try to make sure that it captures images on your plot only so that it does not impact on the privacy of other people on their plot. Police in Somerset have successfully used images from a wildlife camera to prosecute someone for theft of vegetables from an allotment.

Gates and Locks can be a bit awkward to open. The little 'hats' over the top of some locks were put in place to prevent criminals from breaking in to the site by taking an axe to the padlock. They are very effective but do make it a bit more awkward to open or relock the gate. We don't have a solution to this at the moment so can only ask that you continue to be conscientious about locking up to keep the sites secure.

The Council issues guidance on **Structures** permitted on allotments. You can have one greenhouse, one poly-tunnel and one shed. Please refer to your new tenant pack or contact the office or site volunteer for dimensions. We want to make sure that the allotments retain an open aspect and do not become overly built up. At least 75% of the plot should be given over to planting in the open ground.

Plot boundaries require upkeep. Please can plot-holders cut grass paths between plots and also maintain the boundaries between plot and main pathways as well.

We have a bit of a problem at Hayden Road with some people putting up wire fences (against rabbits) several inches inside their plot boundary and then not maintaining the bit of the plot outside the fence (between the fence and the path). This is impacting on the paths and also means that there are lots of seeding and spreading weeds along the boundaries. Please can you be sure to maintain your plot to your plot edge, regardless of where you have put your fence. Many thanks!

Dogs are allowed on allotment sites and most dog owners are very responsible about keeping the dog on a lead at all times, making sure the dog stays on the owner's plot and clearing up any doggy doo-doo. These are the by-laws covering dogs on allotments so please make sure your four-legged friend knows the rules...

Pest control must be undertaken by anyone keeping chickens. It will need to be on-going and thorough. Rats are attracted to high protein chicken feed and it enables them to have larger litters and so the problem only gets bigger. You **MUST** undertake on-going pest control measures if you are going to keep chickens. Please ask for the leaflets. Permission to keep hens may be withdrawn if problems persist.

Neighbourly relations have frayed in one or two places. Demand for small plots (and resulting plot division) means more people on site. People are closer together so there are more opportunities for friendships to flourish but sometimes a higher level of tolerance and understanding is required. Please think about how actions might impact on others (bonfires, loud people or music, endless noisy rotavating...).

Horsetail is an increasing problem on a couple of sites. We have a leaflet so please ask if you want more information on how to deal with it. Having had three allotments with horsetail, I found that bashing it and applying concentrated glyphosate works to a certain degree, that it doesn't seem to like well dug ground with lots of manure added and that it can be controlled with effort (although not banished completely).

Frequent hoeing of the tips, as they appear, gradually weakens the plant as it uses up underground stores to send up more shoots. Don't wait until shoots are a foot tall!

Tap hogging can cause tempers to fray at dry times of year and busy times of day. People who are hand-watering (filling a watering can) take priority. You can use a hose to water by hand (no sprinklers or watering systems allowed) at the roots of plants and that should last for a week or even two, with a good soaking.

Try to get a water butt to collect water off a structure on your plot. The Council has a few to give away (first come, first served and only to be used on the allotment). Many people water much more than needed and it is not good for the plants or neighbourly relations if someone is using the tap for long periods of time.

Rent payments are due in January. Thank you to all who pay promptly. If you would like to pay by instalments, please set up a payment plan with the finance department when you get your invoice. We are very happy to accept instalments. We are less happy when we have to do lots of chasing. The time could be better spent...



ELFIN SAFETY

Important advice for plot-holders (and other garden-based beings)

About 50 cases of **leptospirosis** are reported each year in the UK. In severe form, it is known as Weil's disease and can occasionally be fatal.

Infection usually occurs when open wounds are immersed in relatively stagnant water contaminated with rat or cattle urine (hopefully no cows hiding on site...).

The advice is to cover cuts and grazes and to wear gloves when working on the allotment. Poultry keepers **MUST** undertake on-going pest control: High protein chicken feed is very attractive to rats and it allows large populations to develop.

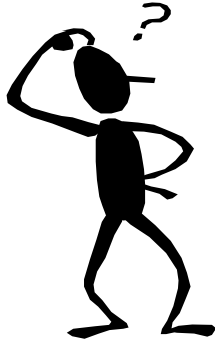
Deadly Nightshade has been self-seeding on allotments this year, particularly at Midwinter. The berries are sweet (so children are less likely to spit them out) but are poisonous. Remove all plants (wearing gloves). Do not compost.



Children are very welcome on allotments but **MUST** be supervised closely (ponds, tools, harmful plants etc) and this may mean having an extra pair of hands and eyes at the site so that one person can do the plot and one person can do the child-minding. It can be hard to do both at the same time! (as I know only too well).

Try to avoid having **bonfires**. Please compost organic waste or take it to the tip. Some residents and plot-holders have asked for a bonfire ban and feel that they are neither necessary nor environmentally friendly. Other urban authorities do not allow them at all. We allow fires in the winter (allotment waste only, cool calm day, fire attended, a quick burn). On or around Bonfire Night is the preferred time for a fire.

We have put up notices with approximate postcodes (sites don't get post) in case someone needs to call the **emergency services**. Tell the operator if the gate is locked and no-one can get there to open it so they can arrange for the fire service to attend with bolt croppers etc. If you are worried about injury or accident, arrange to go to the site at the same time as someone else and keep a phone on your person.



AGONY AUNTY (a)LOTTY

Your Horticultural Problems Addressed

Dear Aunty Lotty,

We had terrible problems with blackfly last year. How can we prevent a repeat?

'Various species of black aphid can cause havoc on an allotment and 2015 was a particularly bad year. These sap-sucking insects form dense colonies and stunt growth. There are organic controls, ranging from pinching out affected shoots to fatty acid sprays, as well as chemical options (not recommended for plants in flower that might be visited by bees or other pollinating insects).'

Www.rhs.org.uk has some excellent advice on this (and other) common garden pests and diseases. They also have Grow Your Own advice with Vegetables A-Z.'

Dear Aunty Lotty,

How can I guide my friends and family into buying me appropriate and useful allotment-related presents for Christmas and birthdays?

'Be bold! Some people do not get hints and need things spelling out in large black letters (Chief-Digger presented me with a list entitled 'Possible Present Ideas'...).'

A subscription to 'Grow Your Own' or 'Kitchen Garden' magazine can be a great present for a plot-holder (no, I am not on commission) but there are also garden gloves, hand tools, large garden waste bags, cloches, garden fleece... the list is endless! What about asking Father Christmas for a large delivery of well-rotted manure (preferably delivered straight to the plot, not down the chimney...).'

Dear Aunty Lotty,

What on earth can I do with so many courgettes?

'I am tempted to point out that they probably make excellent compost, but I recognise that this probably isn't quite the solution you are looking for...

Courgette lasagne has become very popular in our house. Finely slice courgettes (a food processor or mandolin can help). Fry with garlic and add some ricotta and grated cheese. Layer up with the lasagne sheets and a simple tomato sauce. Delicious! Other variations on this theme include courgette and leek, courgette and mushroom, courgette and onion. You get the idea... The internet has heaps of recipes. If you find a really good one, do print it off for the site noticeboard. Hannah recommends Mary Berry's Mediterranean Courgette Pie.'

AND FINALLY...



A quick reminder of a few things

Mainly directed at people who haven't yet got round to reading the info from the Council or might have forgotten some of the guidance contained therein.

SKIPS are provided for new allotment-holders who have inherited someone else's rubbish.



If there is any space left, other plot-holders can make use of it but PLEASE do not overfill the skip. It needs to be LEVEL with the top of the skip, not piled up high. Organic waste should be composted (no soil, weeds, grass, old crops etc in the skip please). Also, you can take green waste and rubbish to the tip.



The Autumn Dig is a time-honoured institution to be revered and observed (unless you are officially adopting the No Dig approach and have had 20 tonnes of manure or compost delivered to your plot).

Cheltenham clay responds well to being turned over and there is nothing like a well-cleared and well-dug plot: A wonderful sense of achievement and preparedness...



Please NUMBER YOUR PLOT.

Maybe in a couple of places so the number is seen when approaching from different directions. It can be as simple as painting LARGE numbers on shed or compost bin.

Allotment Officer Note 1: Chippings / leaves delivered by the Council are for everyone. Please share nicely. Manure will have been paid for. Not for sharing.

Allotment Officer Note 2: If you are considering giving up your allotment, please don't wait until the end of the year. New tenants really appreciate having September and October to prepare the ground to set them up for the next year.

Allotment Officer Note 3: If you have a nice story (allotment related) that you think would make an interesting or amusing addition to our newsletter, please e-mail to allotments@cheltenham.gov.uk. Please include a photo, if you can.

For more information about anything in this newsletter, please contact:
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