

Preston Road Boundary Report October 2023

1. Introduction:

This report has been created to provide information about the allotment boundary for the Town Council, aiming to assist in the council's decision-making process regarding the allocation and administration of allotment plots. This comprehensive report examines the conditions of fences, gates, hedges, trees, and litter within the allotment boundary, offering a detailed overview of their current state.

2. Fences:

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The allotment boundary has a perimeter fence made of wood and metal, which shows signs of wear and tear. The fence posts are still sturdy, but the chain links are rusted and in need of replacement in certain areas. A number of sections also require repairing, particularly where the fencing has been damaged or pushed down by external forces. Officers will obtain quotations for replacement of the fence for next year's budget.

3. Hedges:

With a restricted budget this year's work will be considered in April 2024 budget.

The boundary includes a small hedgerow along the northern edge which appears to be wellmaintained. However, a few areas require trimming and pruning. It is recommended that the council hire a professional arborist to care for the hedgerow and keep it looking healthy. This will also help to prevent any encroachment onto the allotment from neighbouring properties. The hedgerow appears to be serving its purpose as a natural boundary, and as such, it should be allowed to continue to grow and develop.

4. Trees:

With restricted budget work will be considered in April 2024 budget

There are several large trees within the boundary that appear to be healthy. However, a few branches need to be trimmed to prevent them from growing onto neighbouring properties. It is recommended that the council hires an arborist to inspect the trees and ensure that they are not posing any safety risks to those who use the allotment. It is important to take care of the trees in the allotment to ensure that they can be enjoyed by future generations. Officers are obtaining quotes for a tree inspection.

5. Gates:

- After the survey was conducted the lock was replaced at the top half of the allotment plots

6. Litter

- A local pest controller has put down traps to address the infestation of rats and mice.
- There is Fly tipping on the top half of the allotment plots. Waste removal Contractor was instructed to remove waste, one load taken another load required and 4 broken sheds.



After



Also fly-tipping on lower plots required removal on one of the plots



8. Maintenance:

- With some of the allotment budget allocation some maintenance has started, and pathways mowed



9. Plot clearance and update

- Bexhill Family Collective CIC have taken plots at the top half of the site and planning a strategy to work on plots
- Three plots have been cleared.



10. Conclusion:

In conclusion, the boundary allotment report highlights the significance of the various elements present, such as hedges, fences, trees, and gates, Fly tipping, plot clearance and maintenance with the restricted budget this year it has been challenging to keep maintaining of the area. It is crucial for the council to address any necessary repairs and maintenance measures for these aspects to guarantee the long-term safety and enjoyment of the allotment space