



# **BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL**

## **Sidley House**

### **Allotments Boundary Report**

#### **June 2024**

## **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, maintenance, and litter within the allotment boundary, offering a detailed overview of their current state.

## **2. Fences**

- Lux Commercial LTD have confirmed starting in the beginning of July, if they need to cut any foliage back, they can't do till July due to nesting season for the birds. Deposits will need to be paid before then for these works to be carried out.

## **3. Hedges**

- We had an outstanding invoice to be paid for the Conifer Trees being trimmed from council Rother district for last year's 2023 maintenance. They have agreed to pay it, we are still waiting for payment.



- Rother District Council (RDC) has confirmed that the maintenance contract for 2024 includes cutting the top and one side (outside the allotment) of the hedge (highlighted in blue) within RDC grounds. This work, which has not been fully completed for several years, will be carried out as part of the late summer cut schedule. As a result, Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council will be responsible for cutting the inside face side of the hedge this year.



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- It was confirmed by Rother District Council (RDC) for 2025, that they will continue to cut one side and top of this hedge where it is the boundary of RDC land as shown below. This will leave Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council to cut the allotments side face and the entire hedge on the other side.



#### 4. Trees

- Arboriculturist Inspection was carried out on both allotment sites, the report is still outstanding.
- The Birch tree on Rother District Council (RDC) land will need to be trimmed back as the plots underneath it are not getting much sunlight for their crops to grow.





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#### **5. Maintenance**

- Water Supply - Rother District Council (RDC) have agreed that the water supply will be transferred over to Bexhill on Sea Town Council.
- Maintenance for this quarter will be carried out and internal hedges cut.

#### **6. Notice Boards & New Signs**

- Allotment notice boards will cost £2,000 each, which is required to keep allotment holders up to date with rules, regulations, contact details etc.
- We will need to replace all Rother Council signage with new ones.

#### **7. Allotment Risk and Issues Assessment**

- Allotment Risk and Issues Assessment is currently being worked on.

#### **8. Legionella Risk and Issues Assessment**

- Legionella Risk and Issues Assessment should be considered the cost will be £720 + VAT for both Sidley House & Preston Rd Allotments.

#### **9. Conclusion**

In summary, the boundary of the allotment area at Sidley House continues to require extensive repairs and improvements. Having the budgets for this year, work can be started by prioritising the repair of fences, and gates, maintenance and addressing any other problems, the council can create a safer and more enjoyable environment for the plot holders.