



BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

Preston Road, Norfolk Close

Allotment 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.
- It was confirmed that Southern Housing owns the fencing by the flats where excessive fly-tipping incidents were occurring. A request for higher fencing was put forward which was rejected as they confirmed it is already 1.8m high. Some repairs on the fencing were made by them.



3. Hedges

Hedges will be maintained under maintenance for the year.

4. Trees

- Rother District Council have taken away fallen trees.
- Arboriculturist Inspection was carried out on both allotment sites, the report is still outstanding.



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5. Maintenance

- Water Supply - Rother District Council have confirmed that the water supply will be transferred over to Bexhill on Sea Town Council.
- Maintenance grass cut will be carried out this quarter.

6. Plot Clearance

We have instructed The Pelham Building Enterprises Limited to carry out the following works:

- **Plot 39** - The boundary for the plot has now been plotted.
- **Plot 5A** - Works to this plot had to be carried out again due to regrowth area strimmed, beds rotavated and recovered with membrane. The new plot holder is ready to come on. Cost £350. Photos below





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- Plots 2A & 4B- to be cleared, mark out 4 beds in each plot, rotavate and leave beds covered. This will take 4 days and will be completed by the end of June. Plot holders are ready to move onto these plots.
- Site waste removal throughout the year required (non-green waste) – This allows for two lorry loads of waste to be removed. Partially complete- one waste lorry load collected.
- Plot 7A is now ready for cultivating after the removal of fly-tipping, 4 beds marked out in each plot and rotavated. Plot holder ready to move on to plot.

Before



After





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7. 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.

8. Bexhill Family Collective CIC Update

- Presentation Slides in Appendix.

9. Allotment Risk and Issues Assessment

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

10. 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.

11. Conclusion

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