

25 March 2020

Dear Allotment Tenant

I sincerely hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to confirm the arrangements made by the Town Council for our allotment sites during the Covid19 health emergency.

Under current Government guidance and at the moment it is still permitted to visit your allotment to take daily exercise. Ideally you should go alone (but only if you think it is safe to do so). It is vitally important that you follow all government advice about social distancing and hygiene and do not gather together on site. You must stay at least 2 metres (6 feet) apart from other allotment gardeners and avoid body contact. As always, you should not go on to anyone else's plot unless they have invited you to do so.

Please remember that the gate, padlock and taps/water tanks may be frequently touched by other ploholders and may carry infection at any time. We have attached some basic precautionary measures for you to follow. There is more information on the National Allotment Society website (<https://www.nsalg.org.uk/news/covid19-information/>).

**If you feel unwell or if you are self-isolating because a household member is ill with corona virus, you must not visit your plot.** It is also essential that no unauthorised people are allowed on to the site for the duration of this emergency. If you want to bring a family member with you when you visit your plot for safety and to assist with gardening this should be someone who is living with you in your household and should not be a person over 70, anyone with underlying illnesses or a pregnant woman.

These arrangements mean that many people will not want to or be able to maintain their plot in the coming weeks. Please do not worry about this. The Town Council will not be issuing warning letters or evicting any tenants during this crisis for failure to keep their plots in cultivation. We will shortly be switching the water on at each site if we have not done so already by the time you receive this letter.

We know there is excellent community spirit on our allotment sites and we know that our tenants will want to look out for each other and preserve life during this difficult time. If you are in contact with other tenants, you might want to share watering and other tasks to reduce frequency of visits and because many of our tenants will not be able to leave home to come on site at all. We would encourage this but please keep safe.

Finally, although the Town Council office is closed to the public we are still working hard to support the community and you can contact us by phone or email with any questions or concerns. If you are worried about anyone in our community, we can

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also help to find the right source of local help so please do come to us for advice and information if necessary.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Delia Shephard".

Delia Shephard  
Town Clerk