



Allotment Newsletter

Autumn 2016

A warm welcome to all the new allotment holders who have taken on plots this year and welcome back to those who decided to renew their tenancy. This is our first issue of Allotment Newsletter to keep you updated regarding any issues around allotments in Bletchley and Fenny Stratford.

General News

Changes to Terms and Conditions

We have recently revised our Terms and Conditions. The main changes include:

- ÿ No bonfires at any site on Saturday mornings
- ÿ No new structures including fences, sheds, polytunnels etc. to be erected until the tenant has received permission in writing from the Council. Meanwhile existing structures can remain.

If you have any questions on these changes, please do not hesitate to contact the Allotment Officers. Please also ensure that all administration of tenancies comes through the office.

Cultivation Tips

Tenancy Agreement 6a) specifies that:

(The tenant) shall keep the allotment garden clean and tidy and in a good state of cultivation and condition.

We often get asked to define a 'tidy' garden and here are some illustrative examples.

A Tidy Plot



An Untidy Plot



Allotment Officers

Mika Minnitt and Pam Price have recently joined the Town Council as Allotments Officers. They are available to help you with any administrative queries about allotment matters. You can reach them by emailing Mika.Minnitt@bfstc.co.uk or Pam.Price@bfstc.co.uk You can also reach them by calling 01908 649 469. If you know anyone who is a resident of Bletchley and Fenny Statford and would like to be added to our waiting list, please get them to contact the Allotments Officers.



Mika Minnitt



Pam Price

Rangers

The Rangers work as a team to maintain areas within each allotment site and clear empty plots. Bill Green liaises with tenants on a day to day basis and carries out regular checks. Our Rangers are:



Paul Hyde



Bill Green



Tony O'Sullivan



Adrian Capel

(Senior Parish Ranger)

There have been several incidents of theft on our sites (e.g. horse manure and padlocks) over the last few months. Please can all tenants ensure that the main gate is shut at all times when on site.



Allotment Update

Bill, Pam and I visited three allotment sites in mid August and here are some photos from each site. Allotment gardens were all thriving and we were very impressed with all the hard work. Some of you who we met during our visit offered us some green beans and they were absolutely gorgeous! If you would like your pictures of your plot to appear in the next Allotment Newsletter, please send them to Mika.Minnitt@bfstc.co.uk

Larch Grove



Manor Fields



Orchardside



Next issue of Allotment Newsletter will be out in early 2017.

Best wishes and good gardening!