



To: - All Bristol Allotment Holders

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Date 29/9/2016

Dear Tenant,

## Growers Grapevine September 2016

### Important Information

#### Formal Notice of Allotment Rent

Please note that there will be no increase in rent in September 2017.

	September 2016	September 2017
451 – 550 square metres	£160.00	£160.00
352 – 450 square metres	£145.00	£145.00
Large plots (225 - 351 sq/m)	£80.00	£80.00
Medium plots (151 - 224 sq/m)	£65.00	£65.00
Small plots ( 75 – 150 sq/m)	£45.00	£45.00
Very small plot (below 74 sq/m)	£25.00	£25.00

**Please note that you have 40 days by law to pay your invoice. If it remains unpaid after this period, you will be issued a Notice to Quit, and your plot will then be re-let.**

#### Tenancy Changes September 2017

Changes to the tenancy agreement that will come into force for existing ploholders as of 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017 are as follows: -

(7) To leave a clear unobstructed and of at least (450mm) 18 inch division path on each side of the allotment garden and to maintain the path in a safe condition, keeping any grass mown on a regular basis.

## Neighbourhoods

Parks & Open Spaces  
Ashton Court Estate, PO Box  
3176, Bristol BS9 3FS

Di Robinson  
Service Director,

Website  
[www.bristol.gov.uk/allotments](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/allotments)  
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(30) Dogs must be held or tethered on a lead at all times and must not be allowed to stray onto other plots. Any fouling must be picked up and disposed of off-site.

Please ensure that you inform us of a change of address, e mail or other contact details.

Ensure that your plot number is clearly displayed on the front of your plot. A laminated sign pinned to your shed is fine although if you want to add something more artistic that is OK! No concrete is to be used on site (eg for bases of structures such as sheds, greenhouses, pergolas etc).

### **Keypad Locks**

All locks on sites will be changed to digital keypad locks over the next few months. You will be notified prior to the lock being fitted on your site. Please ensure that you do not pass the number on to others as this will compromise security.

### **Annual Meeting of Allotment Holders Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 6.30-8.30pm at Create Centre, Smeaton Road, Bristol BS1 6XN**

The Allotments Annual Review meeting will be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November, between 6.30-8.30pm, at Create Centre. Although the venue is accessible, please let us know in advance if you have any specific mobility issues.

This year we have Chris Smith of Pennard Plants giving a talk on heritage vegetables. We will also be presenting the long tenancy awards and the awards to the winners of the Best Kept Allotment, the Fred Brown competition for the best first year tenant, the Community Plot award and the Site Representative of the Year Award, and will have a presentation on events in the past year. As well as the cups and trophies, there will be gift vouchers kindly donated by Riverside Garden Centre, who also offer a 10% discount on plants to allotment holders.

Congratulations to the award winners who are as follows: -

Best Kept Allotment

1<sup>st</sup> Prize John Holland Plot 53 White City

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Virginia Thomas, plot 25 Monsdale Drive

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Graham Rowden, plot 27b White City

Frederick Brown (Best First Year Plot)

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Neil Kirk, plot 16a Canford E

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Maggie Thurston, plot 2b Canford B

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Finola Ingham and Hannah Irish, plot 13 Bower Ashton

Urban Pollinators Cup (Ecological Plot), Easton Community Allotment, Gordon Rd

Site Rep of the Year: - Irene Blessitt, Thingwall Park Allotments

Community Award: - Hartcliffe Health & Environment Action Group (HHEAG),

Molesworth Drive & Bouchier Gardens Allotments

Please send any questions that you would like to raise at the meeting in writing to myself at the Allotments Office at least 1 week prior to the meeting, to enable me to answer them more fully. Please note that there may not be time for questions not sent in prior to the meeting, as we will be required to finish at 8.30pm sharp.

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## **Allotments Forum Nominations 2017-2018**

The Allotments Forum (Allotments Consultative Panel) meets 2-3 times per year to discuss allotments policy, which can be anything from changes to the tenancy agreement, land disposals and the Allotment Strategy, to hearing appeals against notices to quit. There are 3 positions up for renewal for the 2 year period 2017-2018. These are: -

Non-Leasing Association currently held by: - Linda Matthews, Molesworth Drive  
Non-Association currently held by: - Will Moore, Woodcroft Road Allotments  
Ash Bearman, High Grove Allotments.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Linda, Will and Ash for their input to the Panel.

If you are interested in putting yourself forward for election to the Allotments Panel, please can you write to us with a paragraph saying why you would like to be on the Panel and what you think that you could do for allotments in Bristol by the end of October 2016.

## **Site Representatives Voting Procedure**

We value the input and assistance of all of our Site Representatives. However, sometimes, new ideas and faces are welcome, and if you feel that you could do the job better, or even help out your Site Representative on very big sites, please contact us, and we can organise a ballot on your site.

## **Contact Details**

Please let us know if your address has changed. This prevents correspondence, including invoices and important notices, from going astray. This includes changes of phone number and e mail address.

## **Forest of Avon Fruit Tree Offer**

Forest of Avon have a selection of dwarf rootstock fruit trees suitable for planting on allotments. For details visit [www.forestofavon.org.uk](http://www.forestofavon.org.uk)

## **Rootstocks for allotments**

Apples: M27 and M9; Pears/ Quinces: Quince C; Plums/ Damsons/ Gages/ Mirabelles/ Peaches on VVA-1; Cherries: Gisela 5; Apricots on Torinel.

Please contact us if you require any further information.



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