

Allotment report for Environment meeting 3rd August 2021

Current vacancies:

Cherry Gardens - Site full, waiting list in operation

Netherfield Hill – 1 vacancy, this will not be made available until the new tenancy year

Virgins Lane – Site full, waiting list in operation

Watch Oak – Site full, waiting list in operation

Inspection

Steve and I inspected the sites on 7th July and are pleased to report there were very few issues. Letters have been sent to those plots that require attention with advance warning that tenancies may not be renewed in the autumn without significant work being undertaken.

At Watch Oak a significant health and safety risk was identified with a plot boundary. The tenant has kept the office informed of measures to correct this.

Ground staff will tidy the boundaries, where these are on open land, but this will not be until the end of the summer to allow the blackberries to be enjoyed. Any trees along the accessible boundaries will also be checked to see if any lower limbs need removing.

A path at Virgins Croft needs some work as it is very uneven. Steve will look at work to this but it may require some shoring to one side.

At Netherfield the long grass on the development site has not been cut, I am chasing this with Optivo.

All the notice boards information will be updated following the changes to social distancing. Tenants are requested NOT to visit the site if they test positive or are isolating.

Allotment Association reps joined us for Virgins Croft, Cherry Gardens and Netherfield. Watch Oak does not currently have an allotment representative.

Watch Oak

A request has been received to return the children's play area to a cultivatable plot as there is a waiting list and with the removal of the swings this is just a green space. This could be actioned before the tenancies are renewed in the autumn.

ACTION: Please can members consider this request

Cherry Gardens

A boundary plot has become available so the chickens will be moving.

There is a meeting of the Allotment Association Committee on 22nd July.

JdG

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