

WELCOME TO BOTLEY MEADOW ALLOTMENTS

Botley Meadow allotments have been worked for over a century. Today, plot holders represent over forty nationalities which means there is a vast amount of expertise both in traditional growing methods here in the UK and other cultures too. So, if you are not sure where to start – ask your neighbour!

Here are a few pointers designed to help you manage your plot:

The shop: Located on our other site (Twenty Pound Meadow) sells seeds, fertilisers, plug plants and tools. It is open on Sundays from 10-12 from April to September; 11-12 October to March.

Rent: all rent is payable **in person** on the **first three Sundays in September**. Failure to pay on these dates may mean your plot is allocated to someone else.

Noticeboard: for information about changes, upcoming events such as the end-of-season party and who's who on the Committee.

Website: www.westoxfordallotments.org this contains the rules and a wealth of information and resources for members and is a digital noticeboard for upcoming events.

Communication: changes to your email, postal address and telephone number should be passed to the Secretary (secretary@westoxfordallotments.org). All plot transactions **MUST** be conducted through a Committee member (see above).

Watering: we use troughs and buckets (no hoses). We source our water from the nearby stream so it is not drinkable. There is a mains water standpipe by the noticeboard at the gate. Please water in ways which keeps evaporation to a minimum. This means only watering when necessary and in either in the cool of the evening or the early morning. Consider using mulches to retain moisture.

Bonfires: please limit bonfires to days when the wind is blowing away from the nearby houses. (There are several flags on the site which indicate which way the wind is blowing.) Burning plastic and other artificial materials is strictly forbidden.

Managing waste: avoid storing too much and take stuff regularly to the Council recycling facility. Fly tipping is strictly forbidden.

Sheds, greenhouses and trees: consult the rules about the number of structures and also which tree rootstocks are allowed on your plot.

HAPPY DIGGING!