

5<sup>th</sup> September 2008

Dear Tenant,

The end of the 2007/08 season is approaching and I would just like to congratulate tenants who have been working hard this season to maintain their plots. I would also like to thank in particular the Tenants Representatives for keeping their eyes on the site at all times and keeping the office informed of any problems. Unfortunately this year we have had to evict a number of tenants who have neglected their plots and it is hoped that next year standards will improve across both sites. Tenants are reminded not to forget about their allotment during the winter months as inspections still continue.

Whilst writing, I would just like to highlight a couple of other issues with all tenants. On recent inspections I have been growing concerned that on a number of plots, the paths and edges are not being regularly maintained. The edges need to be trimmed to define the line of the plot, this is not just for aesthetics but for the Health and Safety of all tenants walking on the paths.

**Tenants on the Re-established site**

The following is as a result of complaints made by residents of Sandringham Way. Tenants with vehicles are asked to please park in the car park on Sandringham Way and not on the road. There has also been a complaint about rubbish being dumped against the fence on the inside of the allotments. All tenants with plots against the fence are to please remove all rubbish. Composters and storage units may remain.

**Tenants on the original site**

With it being rental renewal time, I thought I would take the opportunity to let you know that if you are struggling to maintain your plot the Council can help. With an ever growing waiting list for plots we are looking for plots to split. If you are on quite a large plot and want to talk about splitting your plot in half, please feel free to give me a call, my number is at the top of this letter.

**Padlocks on gates - Re-established site**

Once again it has been reported to me that the padlocks on the gates of the re-established allotment site are being left open again. Please could I ask that all tenants who have allotments in this area make sure that the padlocks are locked at all times. If tenants could lock the gates when they enter and leave the site, I feel sure that this continuing problem could be resolved. Thank you in anticipation of your assistance in this matter.

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**A.G.M.**

Lastly, just a little reminder that the A.G.M. will be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2008 at 7.15pm. As mentioned in my last letter we are looking for your recommendations for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place for the Most Improved Plot on the two allotment sites. Please remember to return your voting slip to us, if you have mislaid it, please see your Representative for another one. We hope you will attend the A.G.M. as this is a social event when prizes are presented and all tenants have the opportunity to have their say and talk to members of the Town Council.

Thank you for your support in these matters.

Yours faithfully,

Ruth Hambleton  
Allotment Committee Clerk