

Autumn 2024



News in Brief

THEFT ON ALLOTMENTS

A number of reports of theft and/or damage on the allotments had been received over the summer months.

Unfortunately it is not possible to take remedial action against offenders without hard evidence, but please continue to report any and all cases to me, so that I can build a profile of incidents to help identify any patterns.

If you do spot anything suspicious, or have hard evidence (photo or video for example), report it immediately either to 999 (if it is still happening at the time) or 101.

Above all, please do not put yourself or anyone else in danger.

Awards Evening

Welcome to the Autumn 2024 Allotments Newsletter!

Following on from last year's experiment of combining the Allotments Awards with the In Bloom Awards, it has been decided to combine the two events into one again this year. Invitations have been sent out to all those lucky winners and runners-up, so if you received one and haven't RSVP'd yet, please do so asap!



Changes to the Rental Year

There are some significant changes being made to the allotments rental year in 2025, in order to streamline the administration and accounting of the rents and renewals.

These changes will not materially affect you, and are intended to help out 'behind the scenes' with efficiencies.

The main difference that you will notice is that you are being asked to pay only a 6-month rent this time around, to cover the period October 2024—April 2025. In March 2025, you will then be asked to pay a full 12-month rent, with rental demands being issued in March of each year thereafter.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Allotments AGM 2024



The date for this year's Allotment Holder's AGM is **24th October 2024** at **7pm** in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall. A reminder will be sent out nearer the time, but it would be very helpful to those elected Members of the Allotments Sub-Committee present to have any questions or comments in advance, so that they can be certain to have the information to hand to provide adequate answers.

With best wishes,

Martin Greenfield, Allotments & In Bloom Officer

Meeting Dates for 2024

The 2024 meeting calendar, as it relates to allotments, is as follows. All meetings are open to the public.

Allotments Sub-Committee

4th November at 17:30

Environmental and Leisure Committee (to which the Sub-Committee reports)

4th November 18:30

Updates to the Allotments Website

A number of updates have been made to the allotments section of the Town Council's website (www.bognorregis.gov.uk/Allotments_9794.aspx) to make it easier to use and—hopefully!—a much more useful resource for you.

On it you will now find an archive of newsletters going back to 2017 and a number of useful documents available for download. Among these are:

- ⇒ Accident Report Form
- ⇒ Health & Safety Guide
- ⇒ Permission Forms for sheds and trees

Please take time to explore, or if you do not have internet access, copies of all the above can be requested in hard copy from me.

Tenant Representatives 2023-2024

Your Tenant Representatives are your first point of contact if you have any concerns or questions.

Re-established site:

Louise Russell (Plots 104-108)

Phil Fortin (Plots 36-38)

Original site:

Colin Penfold (Plots 7A/7B)

Paul Goodchild (Plots 14B/19A)

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