

ALLOTMENT INSPECTION 31 OCTOBER 2023

It is obvious that the inclement weather has affected all the sites preventing grass cutting and general weeding. There are waterlogged areas it seems where the grass is extra-long for example the grass pathways and this leaches onto the plots.

Locks Road.

The centre walkway is water logged; grass requires cutting; hedges need trimming and ditches need work. Plots on the right hand side are wet as the land slopes slightly this way. Mr Ed Self has volunteered to cut the grass and hedges. Has he been asked to maintain the ditches as well?

Plots 3a, 4a/b and 5. Mixture of fruit, herbs and vegetables. Requires weeding. Plot 4b has old chicken hutches and debris this needs clearing.

Plot 3b is vacant.

Plot 6a. Plot requires work to clear extra-long grass and weeds.

Plot 6b. Plot well used and tidy.

Plots 5b and 7b. Plot 5b is half used the rest is long grass and weeds this needs clearing. 7b is well used although weeds are in evidence.

Plot 7a. Only one small area cropped and the rest looks unused with utensils stacked in one area. Possibly work in progress.

Plot 8 a/b. Plot cropped and tidy.

Plot 9 a/b. Plot well used and tidy.

Plots 10 a/b. Plot well used and tidy.

Plots 1 a/b and 2 a/b. Plot cropped and harvested.

Cox Common.

The ditch at the entrance is full but water is contained for now. Other ditches are clear. These plots are wet but not waterlogged. Hedges are ok.

Plots 1-5 has been well used and when weather allows just requires autumn clearance and grass cut.

Plots 6-10 Plot Grass has been cut, minor weeds require rotovating and the plot can be managed. Weeds are in evidence but not uncontrollable.

There is a chair near the front of this plot which is surrounded by plastic bottles. We didn't investigate further due to possible Health and Safety issues.

Mill Common

Weather has not helped this site as there is laying water down the centre long grass path and to the left hand side about halfway down the site. Some hedges require work especially to the front where brambles are overhanging the public footpath, and these need attention. Ditches require clearing all round. Grass needs cutting.

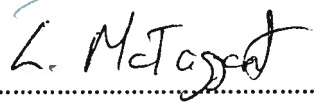
Plots 1-9 Weeds are evident but when ploughed will be ok. A few crops are awaiting harvest.

Plot 10 Plot is well used and needs seasonal clearing.

Mr Darch does cut grass and maintain ditches voluntarily at Mill Common for which we duly thank him but we should remember he is fully employed and has to find time to complete these tasks and if weather is wet small jobs soon become problematic.

Mrs M Rogers and Mrs L McTaggart.

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