



BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

Preston Road Boundary Report

February 2024

1. Introduction:

This report has been created to provide information about the allotment boundary for the Town Council, aiming to assist in the council's decision-making process regarding the allocation and administration of allotment plots. This comprehensive report examines the conditions of fences, gates, hedges, trees, and litter within the allotment boundary, offering a detailed overview of their current state.

2. Fences:

The allotment boundary has a perimeter fence made of wood and chain fence which shows signs of wear and tear. The fence posts are still sturdy, but the chain links are rusted and in need of replacement in certain areas. A number of sections also require repairing, particularly where the fencing has been damaged or pushed down by external forces. There has been an increase of fly tipping also due to damages which is incurring costs. It is recommended that the council conduct a survey of the fence by specialists to identify areas that need repair or replacement and get quotes to get work carried out. This will help to ensure that the allotment is secure and that the fence continues to function as a barrier.

3. Hedges:

The boundary includes a small hedgerow along the northern edge which needs to be maintained. It is recommended that the council hire a professional hedge trimmer to care for the hedgerow and keep it looking healthy. This will also help to prevent any encroachment onto the allotment from neighbouring properties. The hedgerow appears to be serving its purpose as a natural boundary, and as such, it should be allowed to continue to grow and develop.

4. Trees:

Arboriculturist Inspection required for allotment site this is to be carried out every two years, legal requirement, Procurement carried out, sign off required.

Will include:



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- Preparation of a Plan showing the tree locations
- Tree Survey with the tree data
- Recommended management works



5. Litter

Fly-tipping has become a huge problem due to fencing not being tall enough for the public and fellow plot holders.

Fly tipping removal had started 7A Plot fly tipping clearance, one van load taken, a few more needed.



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- Fly tipping actioned on the top half of the allotment plots. The waste removal Contractor was instructed to remove waste, two load taken and 4 broken sheds, one more load to be organised.





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8. Maintenance:

- With some of the allotment budget allocation some maintenance has started, and pathways mowed

9. Plot clearance and update

Rotavating of plots



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Clearance of Bexhill CIC Allotment site area





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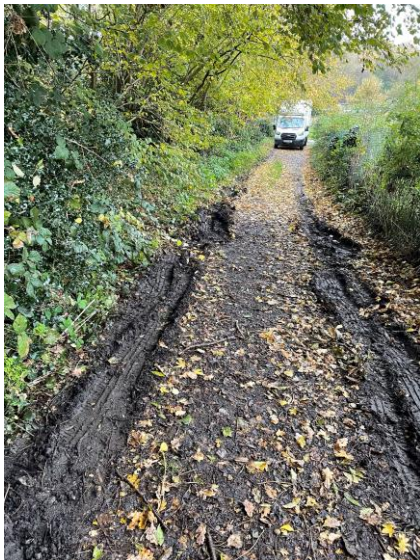
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10. Pathway

Due to heavy rains and stormy weather, the pathway leading to the lower allotment site is deemed hazardous. One of our contractors got stuck, and we will need to consider resurfacing due to health and safety. Procurement will be required.





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10. Conclusion:

In conclusion, the boundary allotment report highlights the significance of the various elements present, such as hedges, fences, trees, and gates, Fly tipping, plot clearance and maintenance with the restricted budget this year it is been challenging to keep maintaining of the area. It is crucial for the council to address any necessary repairs and maintenance measures for these aspects to guarantee the long-term safety and enjoyment of the allotment space.