



BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

Preston Road, Norfolk Close, Allotments

Fencing Report

February 2024

1.1 Introduction

This report aims to address the current condition of Preston Road, Norfolk Close, Sidley, TN39 5BT Allotment fencing, highlighting compromised areas that require immediate attention. It includes a detailed analysis of each compromised fencing segment, supported by corresponding photographs. Additionally, this report provides suggestions for repair or replacement, ensuring the safety and security of our Allotment Plot Holders.

2. Methodology

To compile this report, an inspection was conducted throughout the allotment to identify compromised fencing areas. Each area was photographed, and the specific concerns were noted. The inspection was carried out in collaboration with Plot Holders who reported incidents or issues related to fencing.

3. Current Fencing Assessment and Recommendations

Fencing Area of Allotments:





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3.1 Compromised Area 1:

Location: Top Half of Allotment

Description: There is part Wooden fencing and Chain fencing. It is 2 meters in height. The Condition currently is that they are worn and not tall enough, dented in sections where animals and trespasses are getting in and rubbish is being thrown over.

Recommendation:

It is recommended to install a six-foot chain-link and wooden fence inside the boundary of the allotment to deter animals and trespassers from getting in. Regular maintenance should also be scheduled to ensure ongoing durability. The gate sign to have Bexhill town council details.

Photo:





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Pathway needs to be





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3.1 Compromised Area 2:

Location: Ninfield /Turkey Roadside

Description:

The Entrance gate to the allotments is worn and low, being held with a makeshift chain and lock. It is easy to jump over and trespasses have gotten in.

Recommendation:

It is recommended to consider installing lockable taller 6ft gates at the entrances to ensure only authorised individuals and plot holders have access.

The faded sign on the gate should be replaced and display Bexhill Town Council contact information for the allotment management or relevant authorities in case of emergencies.

3.2 Compromised Area 3:

Location: Sidley Roadside

Description:

There are Hedges all along this side of conifers as well as a chain link, chicken wire and wooden fencing. It is 2 meters in height. The Condition currently is that there are several holes in sections, with damaged or deteriorated wooden fencing and fencing where animals and trespasses are getting in.

The overgrown hedges have been trimmed to give access to residents who live next door

Recommendation:

It is recommended to consider installing 6ft Chain link fence with sturdy posts all along

3.1 Compromised Area 4:

Location:

Description:



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There are Hedges all along this side of conifers as well as a chain link fence. It is 2 meters in height. The Condition currently is that there are several holes in sections where animals and trespasses are getting in. There are overgrown weeds and vegetation along the inside of the hedges. There is a build-up of allotment waste that was promised to be removed by the previous Council.

Recommendation:

It is recommended to install a six-foot chain-link fence inside the boundary of the allotment to deter animals and trespassers from getting in. Regular maintenance should also be scheduled to ensure ongoing durability.

Arrange removal of Waste.

3.1 Compromised Area 5:

Location: Turkey Road, Roadside

Description:

There is large trees and conifers alongside this section. They were very overgrown and have been trimmed recently. There is on the outside of the trees a small section that has a chain link fence. It is 2 meters in height. In between the conifer trees, there are large holes where animals and trespasses are getting in creating security concerns and compromising the overall integrity of the perimeter. Break-ins have occurred and Plot holders have made temporary barriers to stop trespasses coming in but they are being taken down.

There is two large mounds of waste mud built up , this soil cannot be used on the allotment plots there has been rat infestation, Badgers, foxes, and moles burrowing. It will need to be removed from the plot. It is close to the trees.

Recommendation:

Considering the extent of the damage to the allotment plots due to security being compromised, it is recommended to put 6ft chain fencing in this area inside the boundary area in front of the trees. The new fence should be of sturdy material, capable of withstanding external forces, and provide better security.

The two waste soil mounds will need to be removed to allow space to put the fence up and all vegetation growth along there removed and kept maintained.



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4. Conclusion

In Conclusion, this report has identified and outlined several compromised fencing areas within Preston Road Allotments. Urgent action is required to carry out the following around the boundary perimeter of the allotment:

We have received 3 x quotations from local fencing companies and recommend going ahead with D&H Fencing at £19,786+ VAT.

Regular inspection, maintenance, repair, and enhancement of the fencing is crucial in ensuring the safety and protection of the plots and plot holders.

it is vital to encourage plot holders to report any suspicious activities to the relevant authorities or allotment management. Prompt reporting of any suspicious behaviour can help in preventing theft, trespassing, or other undesirable incidents. This collaboration between plot holders and authorities will foster a sense of community and collective responsibility for the security of the allotment.

By following the recommendations provided in this report, the allotment management can make decisions to improve the fencing situation, providing an effective, long-term solution and creating a secure environment for all.