



BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

Preston Road Boundary Report

April 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:

Fencing quotes obtained from approved Tender Lux Commercial LTD formerly known as D&H Fencing And Landscaping.

The total amount for Preston Road & Sidley House Allotments is **£44,126.86 including VAT**

Preston Road, Top Allotment Parallel to the flats Allotments

Total: **£10,540.82 includes VAT**

- To remove the existing fencing and clear away from the site, will install the 1.8 high chain link green fencing around the perimeter boundary, other than the flats side where there is close board fencing.
- They will install a set of double vehicle gates to the face of the site.
All 40mm x 40mm black angle iron posts will be concreted into the ground @ 3m centers, once installed the line wire and chain link will be installed, using chain link clips.

Preston Road, Allotment Gates:





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Preston Road, Bottom allotments:

Total: £15,169.03 includes VAT

- To remove the existing fencing and clear away from the site, we will install the 1.8-high chain link green fencing around the perimeter boundary.
We will install a set of double vehicle gates to the face of the site. Changing the existing. All 40mm x 40mm black angle iron posts will be concreted into the ground @ 3m centre, once installed the line wire and chain link will be installed, using chain link clips.
- There is an existing bush running up from the gate that will need to be cut back to install the fence alongside the neighbouring property.

3. Hedges:

Hedges will be maintained under the maintenance for the year.

4. Trees:

Arboriculturist Inspection was carried out on both allotment sites, they are waiting to be paid before releasing the following information:

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





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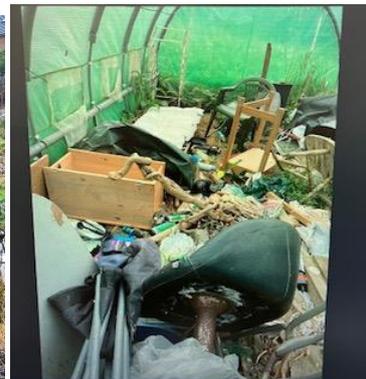
- From the heavy rains and storms there were overhanging trees from woods into plot 1- Rother District was contacted to remove it which it was. There are a few more trees that have fallen and are looking to be removed.



5. Litter

We have had We Waste LTD remove all of the fly-tipping from Plot 7A and all of the other areas of Preston Road.

Before





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After



6. Maintenance:

Maintenance for this year for both Preston Road allotment sites by The Pelham Building Enterprises Limited

Total cost: £2600

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- Four grass cuts at upper and lower sites.
- Plus, general tidying and litter picking where necessary. These days can be spread through the year in early April, late May, Mid July, Mid Sep

7. Plot clearance Costs for this year 2024/2025

Total Cost = £8,285

- For Plots **2A & 4B**- to clear, mark out 4 beds in each plot, rotivate and leave beds covered £1750
- For Plots **5B & 2B** -to clear, mark out 4 beds in each plot, rotivate and leave beds covered £1750
- For Plot **6B** - to clear, mark out 4 beds in each plot, rotivate and leave beds covered £1750



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- For Plot **7A** - to clear, mark out 4 beds in each plot, rotivate and leave beds covered *based on the assumption that the plot will be clear of waste prior to starting* £1750
- For Plot **23B** – to clear, rotivate and prepare the plot ready for re-occupation. The works on this plot will be on the existing beds. This does not include the removal of the greenhouse. £485
- Site waste removal throughout the year (non-green waste) – This allows for two lorry loads of waste to be removed. £750
- Mark out the boundary for **plot 39** using metal stakes and rope as agreed at the site visit on 20-Marc-24 £50

24 & 4B, 5B & 2B, 6B

- For each plot (or set of plots) it is based on 3 days labour for two people, plus a day with a mini digger and driver to turn over and rotivate the beds.
- This is based on our experience of working on the allotment over the past year. It is hard ground to work and will require extensive labour and some machinery to bring it back to a usable and maintainable state.

For plots 7B & 8B

- Extensive clearance is required and would advise specialist contractors to clear bamboo and then inspect the condition of the retaining wall/ boundary. Further, the conifers will require specialist trades due to the size of roots and machinery needed.
- Also what is left of these plots are very small, as it is a potential that 7A & 8A have extended through the years
- It has been recommend that this work is reviewed at the end of next year as to the viability of these works on a cost-benefit analysis provided by the Pelham



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- 7B- to the right of the orange line shows a large bamboo plant
- 8B- two large conifers and substantial overgrowth

8. Rotavated plots this year

Strimming, clearance and rotavating of plots of both sites finished off with membrane over the top of them.



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After



23B

After, we have a new tenant for this plot



9A & 9B



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- Work started last year and finished this year on these 2 plots which were strimmed, clearance and rotavated on plots 9A & 9B. Both plots finished off with a membrane over the top of them.
- Specifically, to 9A (and potentially overspill into 9B) there was the initial clearance of waste that was required.
- Due to the size of the other plots, it was recommended that we consider combining plots 9A & 9B into one plot. This would mean it is a similar size to 8A & 7A. Otherwise too small.
- It has some restrictions on the top section of 9B due to a large tree from one of the properties in Norfolk Close, therefore gaining little sunlight, the plot holder will have trouble growing crops here and with drainage. Putting a shed there would be advisable to the plot holder. It was agreed we would combine this into one large plot and call it 9. We have a new Tenant for this plot.



9. 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 as long as we have the go-ahead for the budget for this year's works we will face the same challenges faced last year due to budget restrictions. The council must address any necessary repairs and maintenance measures for these aspects to guarantee the long-term safety and enjoyment of the allotment space.