



Waltham Allotment News



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Dear Plotters,

I am writing this, on what has to be the hottest day of the year. It is certainly too hot to be outside.

For most of us, this is probably the best time of the year, harvesting soft fruits, cucumbers, tomatoes, salad crops and not forgetting onions and garlic. It is the time of year when we feel excited to be eating our produce that we have lovingly cared for over the past few months, or disappointed that once again, our wildlife friends have had the best of the crop.

I have had a good strawberry crop this year, but the squirrels have still managed to find a way in through the netting. The evidence is the hole they leave behind in the netting, about the size of their head and the edge of the hole is a nice bright red colour!

On a recent visit to the allotments, it was interesting to walk around and see the different methods each of the tenants use to create their own individual peaceful haven.

Some tenants, particularly those who are new to the allotments, spend money on building fruit cages, raised beds, bark chippings for paths, mud stations etc, whilst others, more traditional gardeners, use minimal protection and concentrate on companion planting to deter pests etc, are happy to create grass paths or even no paths at all, just throw a scaffolding board down to walk on when planting. It's also interesting to see how some plot holders make full use of the space they have, particularly those who have a small plot.

On the back page of this newsletter, I have included some photos of different plots on both sites. If you would like to send in your ideas or photos of your allotment, then please send them to the

clerk@walthamparishcouncil.gov.uk

In the meantime, happy planting.

Clr Heather.

Dates for your Diary

Rents for 2026-27

to be paid by Easter Monday - 6th of April

Skips for both sites 2026

Saturday 11th April—Sunday 12th April

Saturday 17th October—Sunday 18th October

One extra skip as required

Inspection Dates 2026

Wednesday 18th March

Wednesday 20th May

Wednesday 15th July

Wednesday 23rd September

Plots to Let

There are vacant plots on both sites. Please make enquiries with the Parish Office.



Waltham Allotments—Tenants Group

Have you joined the Facebook Page for Waltham Allotment tenants?

All tenants are encouraged to join.

The Parish Council use it to inform tenants of latest news and it's a useful way to share ideas, problems and give advice.

The local charity group Help for Heroes have taken on an allotment on the Ings Lane site.

The group are hoping to create a garden space where they can sit and enjoy the fruit of their labours.



Waltham Gateway and Scartho Gateway Academies rent an allotment on Station Road.

Both schools have received a donation of gardening equipment from Grimsby & Cleethorpes Lions.



Has your allotment been caught on camera?

