

ALLOTMENT UPDATE - JANUARY 2023



SKIP

WPC will be providing a skip at some point in **April** which will be a great opportunity for plot holders to clear any rubbish from their plots in time for Spring cultivation. We do have a shortage of volunteers for skip day so if you would like to volunteer then please contact admin@wroughton.gov.uk The skip day will likely be on a Wednesday or Thursday this year from about 8:30am to 3pm, even if you can just manage a few hours then your help will be much appreciated. If you volunteer then you will be given a list of prohibited items which you need to advise tenants **not** to place into the skip.

DEPOSIT FROM APRIL 2023

Further to the update from the last allotment holders meeting a refundable deposit of £50 will be implemented to all plot holders and will be added to the invoice from the April 2023. Any retained deposits will help manage the clearance costs and maintenance. The amount of discarded rubbish cost the council thousands of pounds this last year in fuel costs in man hours. Due to the introduction of the deposit system there will be new terms & conditions to sign and the council are looking into signable PDFs to make this a little easier for all plot holders to sign. Please ensure all your contact details are up to date. WPC has made the decision not to increase allotment rates from April 2023 - April 2024.

CARD MACHINE PAYMENTS

We now have a card machine available in the office so we can accept payments via this method. If you are able to pay via BACS then this is still the preferred method. We still accept cash and cheques.

BEEES & LIVESTOCK

At the last plot holders meeting there was a request for bees and chickens to be introduced to the allotment site and both the pros and cons have been discussed at a recent working party meeting. The council will not be amending the existing policy to re-introduce them due to past issues.

NATIONAL ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

WPC is now a member of the National Allotment Society and we will be sharing some of their useful resources via Facebook and email.

If you have any questions then please don't hesitate to contact me on admin@wroughton.gov.uk or our office number is 01793 814735