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Highfield Park Allotments

Allotment Holder Information

You can identify your plot on the appropriate allotment plan. If you have difficulty identifying it, please contact the Park Manager.

Allotment Agreement

A copy of the agreement will be sent to you either electronically or by post, please ensure you read this and return one signed copy to the Trust.

Payment

The annual rent for a full size plot is £50 and a half plot £25. There is an additional charge of £5 for a padlock key. You can pay by bank transfer (account name: Highfield Park Trust, sort code: 30:97:25, account number.: 00939188), by cheque (payable to Highfield Park Trust) or with cash.

Gates

There are two gates to access the allotments from Hixberry Lane. Currently the inner gate has a combination lock, but the outer gate requires a key. If a keyed padlock is placed on the inner gate the key will open both of them. Please do not remove the padlocks from the gates.

During the week, from around 9am to 5pm the black barrier (outer gate) is left open. Staff from the organisations which use this gate will lock the gate when the last person leaves in the afternoon. However, please ensure that the inner gate is kept locked. Please be aware that if you do not have your gate key with you, it is likely that you not be able to access the site or will be locked in after 5pm.

At the weekend and during the evenings both gates should be locked. Please shut the gate after you when entering site, this discourages non allotment holders from entering the site. If you are the last allotment holder to leave the site, or the last person to leave with a car (people on foot do not always use this gate) please make sure that you lock the gate behind you. Don't worry about locking people in, as all allotment holders have keys.

Fly tipping on Hixberry Lane is common and this usually occurs in the evening and at weekends. If this occurs inside the Hixberry Lane gate the Trust has to pay for it to be removed. So please lock the gate to prevent this happening.

Water Points

Water pressure at the site is quite low so please be patient, it can drop away almost completely if all the taps are being used. On the old allotments the water points are underground housed under two small manhole covers, a small square black one and a round green one. One contains the hosepipe, the other the tap. The Trust only allows hosepipes to be used to fill watering cans, water butts or troughs. Plots should not be watered directly with a hose. If you have difficulty using a watering can please speak directly to the Park Manager. On the new allotments water can be accessed from the water troughs.

Manure and Wood Chippings

The Trust occasionally gets loads of manure and woodchip delivered at the allotments. This is for all allotment holders to use; you will be informed when it has been distributed. Please only take what you need and remember that manure may need to be left to rot down before being used. Manure or woodchips left elsewhere is for individual plot holder's use only.

Help to get started

In the past Earthworks, next door to the allotments, have given help to allotment holders to get their plot started or to carry out remedial work. Please ask them directly if they would be interested in doing the work required; their prices are good value and they may also have seedlings for sale.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch and finally we wish you a successful growing season.