

APPLYING FOR AN ALLOTMENT PLOT on our site

You need to fill in an application form, return it to us and join the waiting list, which can take 3 or 4 years to get to the top. Currently you must also live in the old Bournemouth Council area (not BCP). Please ensure you keep your contact details up-to-date, as once you get to the top of the list, we will not normally try more than 3 occasions to contact you.

We do not employ a paid workforce and it is volunteers who run the shop, cut the main grass 'drives' and also form The Committee that manage the site. This is how we keep the fees lower than other sites. The site rules are determined by our landlords, BCP Council, and the members.

It is possible to sit with drinks in hand and eat some strawberries just picked from your plot, but it takes hard work to get there and maintain the plot.

Allotments are not a fair-weather hobby and must be worked on all year round in all weathers

Once you have got your plot in order, in Spring, Summer and Autumn, for a 'half' plot, we would expect you will need to spend a minimum of 6-7 hours a week weeding, watering and picking your crops. This will depend on the crops you are growing of course, and in winter half that, but you will still be digging over the plot and spreading compost and manure. Think also of seasonal crops too.

A 'mini' plot might require a minimum of 3-4 hours.

Often plots may be handed back to us in a poor state, with weeds/grass all over and require a lot of work before you can plan what to grow and where in the plot. As we don't have paid employees, we don't dig over the plot prior to letting and it is for the new tenant to do.

See what your neighbours are growing and what performs best.
Other plot holders are the best source of information!

The Site Team carry out plot inspections every 5 weeks to see how everyone is getting on, and can give some guidance

If you are going away for 2 weeks or longer you must tell us. Crops will still need weeding and watering several times a week so you need to make arrangements.

The Site is fully gated and fenced as two adjacent sites. A deposit for a gate key is required, and it is essential that you lock the gates when you enter or leave the site. The key also unlocks the toilets and the communal area in The Green Shed