



**Wye
with
Hinxhill
Parish
Council**

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Dear Allotment Tenant.

Hopefully your allotment is now producing useful crops and you are enjoying the rewards of your efforts. This enjoyment and full productivity depends on co-operation to keep the allotments sites in a healthy condition.

There continues to be a risk from Coronavirus to tenants visiting their plots. Tenants should not attend if they are experiencing symptoms or have a family member who is self-isolating. Tenants are reminded of the recommendation to not gather in groups of more than six, to practice social distancing and to take precautions to ensure their own safety.

Standpipes and taps have now been replaced on both sites. This makes available fresh water either for use to water plants and for hand washing. There are risks of potential contamination through multiple people handling the taps. Tenants are reminded of the need to ensure their own safety by washing their hands or using hand sanitiser after using the taps. This also applies when opening or closing gates.

The water tanks have become very dirty and green with algae. It is important, if this is to be kept to a minimum, that soil and other contaminants are prevented from entering the tanks. Please only dip clean watering cans, and do not wash anything – your hands, produce or tools in the tanks. Contamination with soil will enable the spread of soil bourn disease to plants, such as onion white rot, club root of brassicas, etc., also damaging nematodes. Warm water can also potentially harbour diseases affecting humans so care should be taken to avoid contact with the water, excessive splashing or use in sprays. Again washing hands and produce thoroughly in clean water is recommended.

If any of the people who have taken on an allotment plot for the first time would like to write a few words about their experience, and share a photo of their plot or produce for the Our Place Wye Newsletter, then please contact Jasper Bouverie.

There are still people waiting who would like to be able to join in growing on their own allotment but at the moment, bar a few overgrown plots which are due to be cleared over the winter months, there are no plots available. If there is anyone who has been unable to manage their plot and who is likely to give up at the end of the rental year, please contact the Clerk or Allotment Warden as soon as possible, so plots can be made available to new tenants in good condition.

J Burnham
Allotment Warden