

## Allotment Survey October 2009

### Pasture Lane No.1:

- There are some excellent vegetable plots on this site.
- The vast majority of plots have been worked this year.
- Quite a number of plots have been re-let over the last twelve months with most showing considerable signs of improvement, but due to the size of the plots the full use of these plots will take a few years to achieve.
- Plots 22,23,35, 43 show less signs of activity and should be monitored with letters being sent out if no signs of improvement show up on the spring survey.
- Plot 6 needs a final tidy up letter explaining that if a significant improvement is not made by spring survey that the tenant will be evicted.
- **Plot 16 this tenant has had several warning letters and was written to at the in April advising that if a considerable improvement in the plot was not envisaged then eviction would be the next course of action. The tenant then strimmed the plot in May and has not visited this plot since as there were no signs of recent activity when the Council constructed an access pathway through the lower section of this plot. This plot has some of the best worked plots on its boundaries whose tenants attend their plots most days in the growing season and are rightly concerned and aggrieved by the weed seed distribution emanating from this un-worked plot. The Council should terminate this tenancy for defaulting on the terms of the tenancy agreement and issue a one months notice to quit.**

### Pasture Lane No.2:

- There is one vacant plot on this site.
- This site has a wider mix of uses with a number of poultry keepers.
- Several plots have been re-let this year and these are showing signs of becoming viable allotments again.
- The vast majority of the others are being worked to an acceptable standard.
- Plot 28 shows little sign of work this summer and if this is the case at the spring survey then a tidy up letter should be sent.
- **Plot 26 shows no sign of being worked and a letter should be sent to the tenant regarding the condition of the plot.**

### Lower Parkhill:

- There are two plots currently available to let and two plots which are in the work programme for improvement by the Council.
- This site has a mixture of vegetables, poultry, pigeons and the exotic.
- Most plots show signs of usage.
- Several plots need monitoring with further reports after the spring survey.
- The Clerk hopes to let the two vacant plots over the next few weeks.

## **Agenda Item 8**

### **Lowerclough Street:**

- The Clerk has let two of the newly created larger beds this last week.
- The College is slowly starting to make significant progress with the special needs plots used on their courses.
- There is currently one very small plot available.
- The last Christmas tree plot will need clearing in the spring.
- Plots 16, 17 show less signs of being worked and again should be monitored at the spring survey for improvement.
- **Plot 8 shows no signs of having been worked and a letter should be sent regarding the condition of the plot.**

### **Upper Back Church Street:**

- All plots are being used,

### **Upper Back Nora Street:**

- Most plots are used extensively as gardens.
- Plot 9 was let earlier this year and still shows no signs of work, as this plot has been either a perennial or biannual problem for over a decade the Clerk suggests that progress be monitored through next year.