

Why have an allotment?

- The chance to grow your own fruit and vegetables.
- So that you know what has gone into them – you don't need to use chemicals but even if you do, you control which ones.
- Lots of fresh air and exercise.
- A chance to meet other gardeners, share experiences, gain advice etc.
- On top of all this, an opportunity to save money or at the very least have all these benefits at no additional cost to the household budget.

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SOME HINTS FOR GOOD GARDENING

Why not aim to create a healthy environment for plants to grow without chemicals or artificial fertilisers? We hope the following tips will be useful

- Grow a wide range of crops and rotate them around the plot so that common pests do not build up.
- Make a compost heap to recycle your waste.
- Grow crops of green manure such as clover, mustard, comfrey or broad beans. These can be dug directly into the soil, without composting.
- Use plenty of manure and only use organic fertilisers such as bone meal, hoof and horn meal, blood, fish and bone.
- Encourage natural predators such as hover flies and lacewings by planting a few flowers amongst your vegetables.
- Use physical barriers to protect your crops. Carpet underlay around brassicas will deter cabbage root fly, polythene fencing will divert carrot fly.
- Control weeds by mulching with well-rotted manure.
- For major weed control of a previously neglected plot, cover it with old carpet, or black polythene, excluding the light kills the weeds.
- For slug control, consider beer traps or inverted grapefruit rind.
- Finally remember it takes time to convert a plot that has not been worked organically before, so don't give up.

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Grow Your Own!



ALLOTMENTS IN HORSHAM

Parish Allotments

For those outside Horsham Town we list below the other parishes in the District with Allotments. Please contact the parish clerks for more information in the first instance.

Parish	Parish
Billingshurst*	Southwater
Coldwaltham	Steyning
Cowfold	Upper Beeding
Henfield*	Warnham
Pulborough	West Chiltington
	Wiston*

*Privately Owned



Getting the right size of allotment-

Allotments are generally of 125sq m. or 250sqm.

For those with less time on their hands we have introduced the "Mini Plot" of 62.5sq m. These smaller plots should prove to be a more manageable size for the novice or the keen gardener with less demand for food.

If you have any general queries please contact Horsham District Council, otherwise contact the appropriate allotment secretary.

If you are interested in hiring an allotment, please identify your preferred site and contact the appropriate allotment secretary

1. Shelley Allotment Society
(Redford Avenue)

2. Hills Farm Lane Allotment Association
(Guildford Road)

3. Chesworth Allotment Society
(Arun Way)

4. Bennetts Road Allotment Society

5. Roffey Allotment Society
(Beech Road)



9. Birds Farm Allotments
(Blunts Way)

8. Rusper Road Allotments
(Lower Barn Close)

7. Depot Road Allotments

6. Clarence Road Allotments

10. Harwood Road Allotment Society

11. Amberley Road Allotments

For contact telephone numbers please see separate sheet or contact the Parks Services Admin. Assistant at Horsham District Council, Park House, North Street, Horsham, West Sussex RH12 1RL. Tel: 01403 215491.