

TRING TOWN COUNCIL

ALLOTMENTS LAND REGENERATION STRATEGY

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This allotments strategy outlines Tring Town Council's commitment to the provision of allotment sites for the benefit of its residents and the wider community. Tring Town Council recognises the many benefits of allotment gardening and as such commits to the following strategic objectives:

In the short term:

- To communicate and promote the benefits of allotments and encourage further uptake and use of allotment plots among gardeners and the wider community through developing partnerships with local stakeholders and formal publicity campaigns
- To improve and enhance the fabric of the allotment sites for the benefit of allotment gardeners by working with the Allotments Association and local groups to identify priorities for action
- To explore sustainable methods for preparing and maintaining overgrown plots

A longer-term strategy includes

- Encouraging and raising awareness of the importance local food production
- Working with local groups, schools and organizations
 - to promote the benefits of allotments to local community groups
 - to improve access and facilities for a wider section of the community through targeted promotion to underrepresented groups with a potential interest in allotments
 - involving the wider community in the ongoing maintenance and management of the area not used as plots any more, thereby encouraging ownership by the community of the site
- Exploring a broader agenda that considers the use of the site and unused allotments for recreation purposes
- Working with local groups and stakeholders to explore and maximize the wildlife potential of the sites

Allotments Charter

Tring Town Council commits to:

- 1 Endeavour constantly to maintain and improve the fabric of the sites under its care
- 2 Maintain and provide better access to the sites for all sections of the community
- 3 Maintain and extend facilities at the sites, having regard to the wider context of the surrounding landscape and its Planning designation
- 4 Draw up from time to time plans for regeneration of the sites
- 5 Review from time to time the use of land in its ownership abutting the allotment gardens, with a view to considering alternative, complementary uses
- 6 Review from time to the potential usage of redundant allotment land in its ownership

The Council currently owns and runs 96 allotment gardens at **Duckmore Lane**, Tring and 4 allotment gardens at **Bulbourne**, Tring. The size of each plot is on average 10 poles.

The Council's total allotment land ownership is 7.5 hectares, 2.1 hectares of which is let as grasskeep. Grasskeep is let to tenants on a short-term basis and could be returned to allotment garden use if demand increased enough to justify this.