

Tring Town Council Allotment Policy

The Council currently owns and manages 96 allotment gardens at Duckmore Lane and 4 at Bulbourne, Tring. The size of each plot is approximately 10 poles. The Council's total allotment ownership is 7.5 hectares, 2.1 hectares of which is let as grass keep. Grass keep is let to tenants on a short-term basis.

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

- To communicate and promote the benefits of having an allotment among gardeners and the wider community through developing partnerships with local stakeholders e.g. Tring in Transition
- To improve and enhance the fabric of the sites for the benefit of allotment gardeners by working with the Allotment Association and local groups to identify priorities for action
- To explore sustainable methods for preparing and maintaining overgrown plots
- Encourage and raise awareness of the importance of local food production e.g. Farmers Market
- Work in partnership to:
 - Promote the benefits of gardening to local community groups e.g. Community Garden, Scouts, Beavers, school children
 - Improve access and facilities for those with disabilities
 - Involve the wider community in the ongoing maintenance and management of the whole of the Duckmore Lane site to realise the full potential as a community asset. e.g. Friends of Millennium Wood
- Working with local groups and stakeholders to explore and maximise the wildlife potential of the sites.

Allotment Charter

Tring Town Council commits to:

1. Constantly 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. Draw up, from time to time, plans for improvements to the sites
4. Review the use of the land in its ownership abutting the allotment gardens, with a view to considering alternative, complementary uses
5. Review the potential use of any redundant allotment land in its ownership