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Welcome to the first edition of the Allotment Newsletter for the Knapp Road and New Road sites in Wotton-under-Edge. We are planning to have a quarterly publication to include on going projects, vacant plots and gardening tips.

Allotment Tenants Meeting 4th December 2018

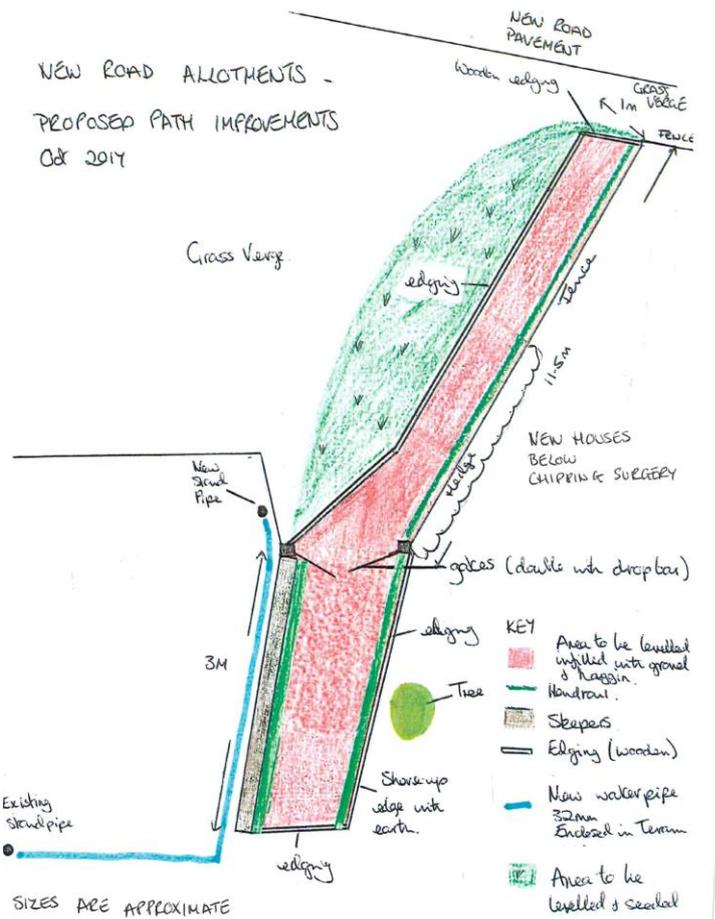
The Allotments Committee held their first meeting for allotment tenants on 4th December. Following long term sickness of some council staff and the Chairman of the Allotments Committee, both sites had suffered from certain issues not being addressed due to the lack of resourses. Thus it was good to get an understanding of what is important to tenants going forward and the issues that need to be investigated and addressed over the coming years. It was felt by the Chairman that the Council now has a clearer picture of the priority areas. However, help is needed from the tenants to achieve certain projects and it was stressed that working parties are a vital way of getting more things achieved.

New Road Water Supply

The water supply at the New Road site was found to be severely restricted, so much so, that at times there was no water at all, resulting in tenants praying for rain. Following investigations it was found that the flow of water was restricted due to lime scale that had built up over many decades. The Council has now approved the installation of a new pipe to be installed over the coming months to a new stand pipe just inside the main gate that will supply the existing system.

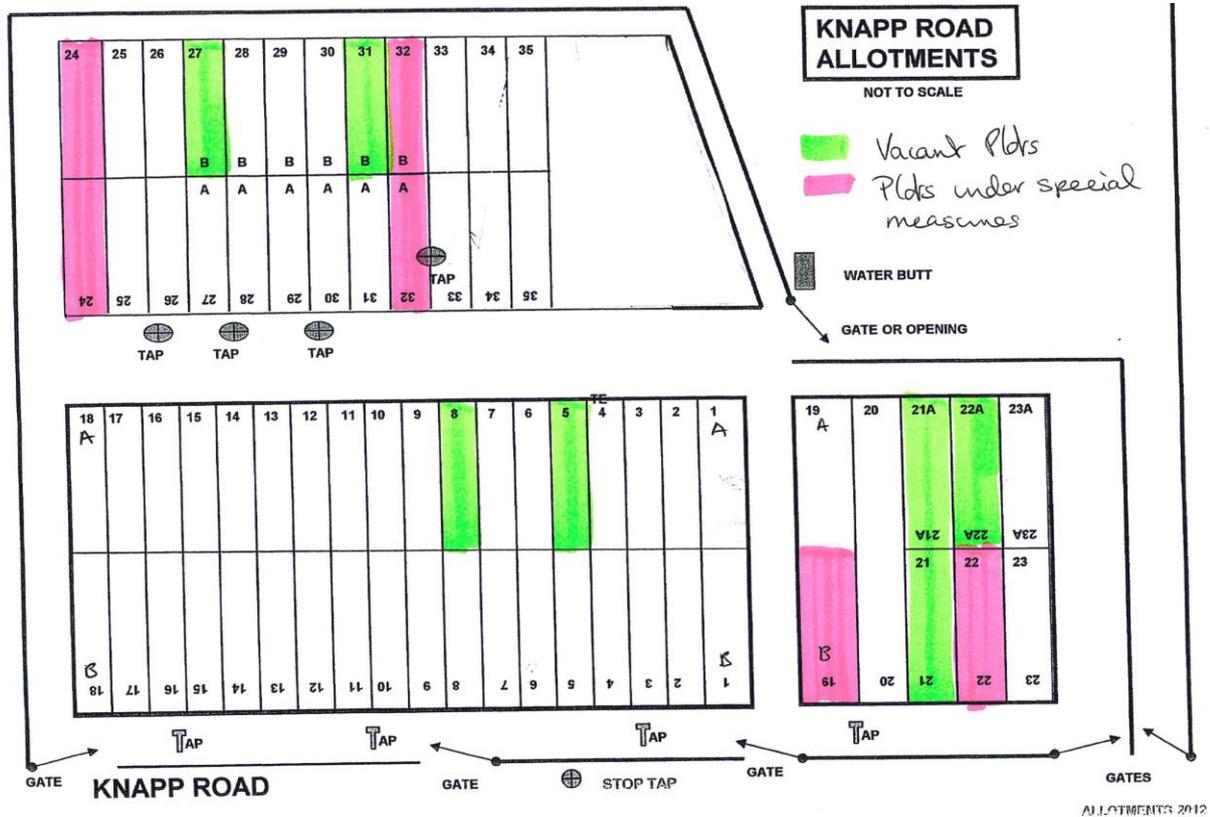
Main Entrance and Path at New Road Allotments

Following concerns raised by tenants it was decided that some improvements were needed to the main path and gate to the site. The Council has approved a scheme which will include a gentler slope for the path onto the allotments along with handrails and double gates for easy wheel barrow access. Please see the adjacent plan for the alterations. The Council intends this to be underway at the end of January 2018.

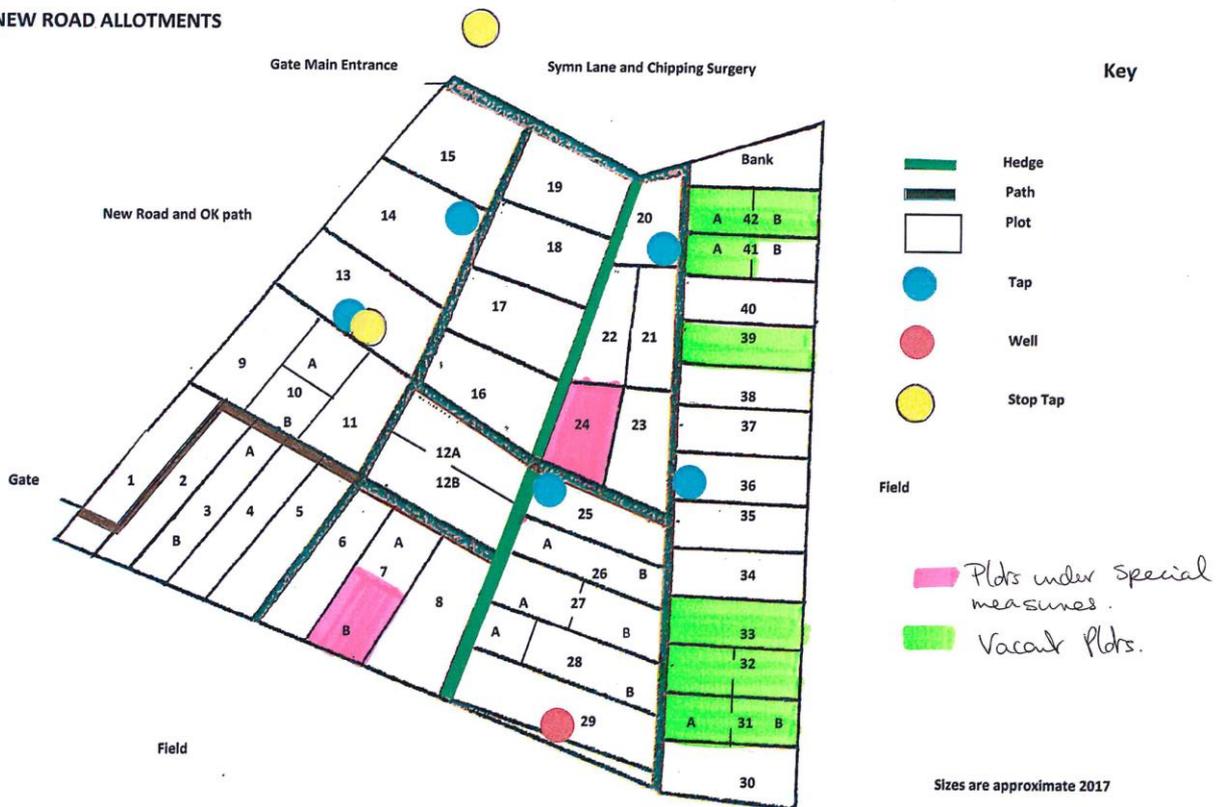


Vacant Plots and Special Measures

Please find below plans of both sites showing vacant plots and those under special measures. These are correct at the time of publication and are always subject to change. Special measures could include tenants that have mitigating circumstances reducing the time they are able to spend on their plot for a specific period. In this instance they are given more time to make improvements. Plot inspections will take place twice a year the first being in March.



NEW ROAD ALLOTMENTS





Jobs for February

Plant garlic outside! Break bulbs into individual cloves and then plant pointed end up. Space them ideally 15cms apart in rows roughly 30cms apart in a sunny spot with well drained soil. Keep as weed free as possible.

Jobs for March

Plant early potatoes. These are great for filling part of the plot and keeping weeds down when established. It's also time to plant shallots now the soil is warming up.

Jobs for April

Plant out sweet peas and add a splash of colour to your plot. It's time to plant onions too.

Jobs for May

Hoe regularly at least once a week to catch weeds while they are small, little and often! Perennial weeds can be hoed off but it is always best to dig them out if you can.



Please find overleaf a Vegetable Planner which you may find useful.

Plot Inspections

Please make sure your plot is clearly labeled with its plot number so you don't receive a notice to remedy by mistake.

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ALLOTMENTS VEGETABLE PLANNER

Crop	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Artichoke Globe		■	■	■	■	■						
Broad Bean				■	■							
French Bean					■							
Runner Bean				■	■							
Beetroot												
Broccoli												
Brussels Sprouts												
Cabbage												
Carrot												
Cauliflower												
Cucumber												
Leek												
Lettuce												
Onion												
Parsnip												
Pea												
Potato												
Sweetcorn												
Tomato												

- Sowing indoors, under cover
- Sowing outdoors
- Planting tubers, sets or off sets
- Planting out of seedlings
- Harvesting