

# Allotment Newsletter

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## Welcome

As the days grow longer and the soil begins to warm, we welcome you to the start of a new allotment season.

Whether you're sowing your first seeds or are a seasoned allotment holder, the allotment is once again coming to life with colour, activity, and community spirit. It's a time to prepare the ground, share knowledge, and look ahead to the months of growth and harvest to come.

We look forward to another season of working together, supporting one another, and celebrating the rewards—big and small—that come from time spent on your plots. Here's to a productive, enjoyable, and fruitful year ahead!

## What's new this season: Rotavator

Rotavating your allotment plot can make preparing the soil much quicker and easier, especially at the start of the season. Here are some simple benefits:

- Breaks up compacted soil – helps loosen hard ground so roots can grow more easily
- Improves soil structure – creates a finer, crumbly texture that's ideal for planting
- Saves time and effort – much faster than digging by hand, especially on larger plots
- Mixes in organic matter – evenly incorporates compost or manure into the soil
- Helps control weeds (initially) – chops up weeds and buries some of them.

Flitwick Town Council now offer a rotavating service & prices start at just £29. For more information, please email [sarahburgess@flitwick.gov.uk](mailto:sarahburgess@flitwick.gov.uk)

## Allotment Reps

Station Road:  
Ian Holman (Plot 21 & 22)  
Steppingley Road:  
Michelle Haskell (Plot 184)

Please approach the reps about any issues you may have so it can be reported back to the Allotment Working Group.

## Sheds & Greenhouses

Please be mindful that the allotment sites are open spaces and susceptible to windy conditions.

It is your responsibility to ensure that your sheds and greenhouses are structurally sound and weighted/secured so unnecessary damage to your structure is prevented and neighbouring plots remain hazard free.

## HANDBOOK

An updated Allotment Guide & Handbook will be emailed to you. Please contact reception if you would prefer a hardcopy.