

Welcome to ALLOTMENT MATTERS



ISSUE 1

ALLOTMENT NEWS

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Councillor Nixey was elected as Chair of the Asset Management Committee on 27 May 2026, determined to ensure fairness is applied throughout all allotment sites.

Over the coming months, allotment sites will be reviewed and, where possible, improvements will be made to help bring facilities and opportunities to a more consistent standard across all sites.

"My priority is to ensure that every allotment site is treated fairly, that resources are used responsibly, and that plot holders have a voice in shaping the future of our allotments."

Contact Us

Should you have any issues on your site, please contact your Site Representative in the first instance. Please ensure you have their contact details to hand.

The Ramsgate Town Council Allotments Officer can be contacted by email via: allotments@ramsgatetowncouncil.gov.uk
To help us deal with your enquiry as quickly as possible, please include:

- Site Name
- Plot Number
- Contact Information

Information

- Allotment Rules
- Tenancy Agreements
- Payments
- Inspections
- Ending Tenancy
- Help & Guidance



The latest allotment information, guidance and updates can be found on the Ramsgate Town Council website.
Scan the QR code above or visit:
www.ramsgatetown.org/town-council/allotments

Welcome

to the very first edition of Allotment Matters. This newsletter will be published quarterly to share important updates, such as site notices, seasonal gardening tips, upcoming events, success stories and practical advice to help you make the most of your plot throughout the year.

We are proud that our allotments provide opportunities to enjoy the outdoors, support local biodiversity, learn new skills and improve wellbeing. The passion, dedication and hard work shown across our allotment sites are what make them such valued community spaces.

We hope to celebrate the achievements of our allotment holders and encourage the sharing of ideas, experiences, and photographs.

Meet the Technician Team

You may see our friendly technicians on site from time to time in their orange hi-viz jackets, please feel free to say 'Hello!'

The Technicians maintain council owned open spaces, flowerbeds and allotments. They also support with local events, and carry out general building and caretaking duties.



Community Matters

Let's keep Britain('s allotments) Tidy!

Making our plots and sites beautiful and tidy makes it nice for everyone, and coming around the sites it's fabulous to see the effort some people go to! There'll be pictures coming in the future of plots to aspire to, so please send in pictures of your site or plot that you're proud of, we want to show how good you are!

To keep our plots as nice as we can be we must focus on the rubbish too. We ask all residents to do their part in keeping the site clean, safe and welcoming for everyone. **Simply put: if it is your rubbish, it is your responsibility to dispose of it properly.**

There is no one else picking your rubbish up, and sadly there have been incidents of fly tipping from plots where action will always be taken and repeated offences mean the loss of a plot. So let's tidy as we go, and if you have an issue with bits you find hard to deal with, speak to your site rep and let us know.

Plot Planner

SEPTEMBER



Top Tasks

- Lift maincrop potatoes
- Harvest leeks
- Pick apples, pears & late plums
- Ripen & harvest tomatoes
- Cut back asparagus
- Feed & trim celeriac
- Turn compost heaps

Sow or Plant

- | | |
|----------------|---------------|
| Cabbages | Strawberries* |
| Winter lettuce | Cranberries** |
| Rocket | Filed beans |
| Land cress | Ryegrass |
| Radishes | Phacelia |
| Onions | |

*Plant new plants now for a bigger crop next year

**Require acidic soil and grows well in large tubs filled with ericaceous compost

OCTOBER



Top Tasks

- Compost summer crop residue
- Clear dead or drying foliage
- Remove plant supports
- Cover beds & late crops
- Cure pumpkins & squash
- Lift root vegetables
- Earth up leeks & celery
- Harvest fruit

Sow or Plant

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|--------------|-----------------|
| Broad beans* | Rhubarb |
| Cabbages** | Fruit bushes*** |
| Garlic | |

*Sow early varieties for a crop next June

**Cover with netting to deter birds

***Bare-root bushes planted now will establish strong roots before the growing season

NOVEMBER



Top Tasks

- Clear & prep the area
- Prune fruit bushes & trees
- Winter digging
- Clear weeds
- Mulch existing fruit tree & bush bases
- Add compost or well-rotted manure

Sow or Plant

- Garlic
Rhubarb
Fruit bushes*

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Ramsgate & District Horticultural Society

Ramsgate & District Horticultural Society welcomes anyone with an interest in gardening, plants, flowers or wildlife. Join like-minded enthusiasts to share ideas, enjoy talks and demonstrations, and learn new gardening tips.

Any enquiries please email:
ramsgatehorticulturalsociety@gmail.com

Events

21st September 2026

7pm - 8pm

'My Life as a Head Gardener' by Paul Twyman, head Gardener at Yoakley House

19th October 2026

7pm - 8pm

'The Value of Green Spaces in Town Regeneration' by Robert Milton Wallace MSc Arch Cons

16th November 2026

7pm - 8pm

Talk TBC

Ramsgate Town Council Q&A

When is the next payment for my allotment due?

An email will be sent to all plot holders regarding the renewal of their plot tenancy for 2026/2027.

You will be required to:

- Pay your tenancy fee by 1 October 2026.
- Complete a new tenancy agreement form.
- Provide two forms of identification.

New for 2026, the tenancy agreement form will be completed online using a link provided in the email. If you experience any difficulties completing the form, we can assist you at the office.

Your identification documents must still be provided either by email or in person at the office. We will no longer retain copies of identification documents.

Will you send reminders for payment?

Any tenants who have not completed the tenancy form, provided identification, and paid their tenancy fee by 14 November 2026 will receive a reminder email from 15 November 2026.

Tenants will then have until 29 November 2026 to ensure all requirements have been completed.

After this date, tenancies will be terminated and plot holders will be given 14 days to remove their personal belongings from their plots.

How can I pay for my plot?

The preferred method of payment is by bank transfer, using your site reference and plot number as the payment reference.

Please double-check that you are using the correct reference number. If an incorrect reference is used, the payment may not be matched to the correct plot. You may also pay in person with cash at the office.

How long can I use the hose pipe to water my plot?

- Whole plots: 45 minutes
- Half plots: 30 minutes
- Quarter plots: 15 minutes

You may use watering cans as often as required. However, please ensure that taps are turned off after filling them.

When can I burn my green rubbish?

The burning of green allotment waste only is permitted annually during the period of one week before to one week after Bonfire Night (5 November).

All burning must take place in a suitable incinerator bin.

No other burning is permitted on allotment sites.

Can I add new named helpers to my plot to help with watering whilst I am on holiday?

If a tenant wishes to allow another person to help work their plot due to age, illness, incapacity, or an extended holiday, they must request a Named Helper Form from the Council. This must be completed before the helper is permitted access to the site. A named helper cannot be the primary worker on the plot. The tenant must remain actively and regularly involved in the cultivation and management of their allotment plot.

If evidence is found during an inspection, or through other means, that a named helper is solely managing the plot or acting as the primary worker, this will be considered a breach of the Allotment Rules. A warning letter will be issued to the tenant.

When renewing your tenancy in October 2026, all plot holders will be asked to review and update their named helpers. Any individuals not listed will be removed from the tenancy records. Please ensure all named helpers are included on the renewal form. Anyone accessing an allotment site who is not a plot holder must be registered as a named helper. Unauthorised access is not permitted.

What can you do to improve the water pressure?

To help improve water pressure and ensure fair usage across all sites, we have recently carried out a survey of taps across our allotment sites.

We have reviewed the provision of taps to ensure there is approximately one tap for every 10 plots. Where this is not the case, we will consider adding or removing taps as appropriate.

Can I have raised beds on my plot?

If you would like wooden raised beds on your plot, please speak to your Site Representative.

Any approved wooden raised beds must be supplied and maintained by the tenant and kept in good condition.

Metal raised beds are not permitted.



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of Allotment Rules**

**For further information visit:
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