

Killinghall Moor Allotments

Newsletter 01: March 2026



Welcome to our first Allotments Newsletter!

It seems a good idea to let everyone know what's been happening on the allotments, including the "behind the scenes" work by the Committee and Parish Clerk. In future, we can include monthly "jobs", planting guides, successes and failures, and so on.

Rain and water

The last few weeks have seen a lot of rain, around 150% of the 1991 – 2020 average for our region. You won't be surprised that the soil on the site is very soggy, with some standing water in the depressions and parts of the paths.



This will of course improve. We'll soon be complaining that it's too hot!

I have an allotment, can I still water my crops with a hosepipe?

Yes, a hosepipe can be used to water food crops at domestic premises or private allotments, where this cannot be reasonably done via a watering can.

A rule during last year's hosepipe ban

Going in and out of the site

Please remember to lock the gates behind you after you enter or leave the site. Don't leave the bolt down on the gate you open first to go in (the one with

Remember that you are not allowed to water your plot directly from a hosepipe. Instead, you must fill a covered water butt on your plot and take your water from that.



Part of our successful bid for a grant of £915 from NYC Cllr Peter Lacey was for hoses and hose reels, one for each of the six standpipes. So don't buy your own hose and reel but do buy a covered water butt. If you put a shed on your plot, this must include guttering and a rain diverter so that you can fill your water butt.

Section 6 of your Tenancy Agreement gives details (with maximum dimensions) of sheds and other structures allowed on the site. Please check this before you buy.

the speed sign), otherwise it's difficult for others to get in.

Make sure you don't give the key code to someone not connected with the site.

Fencing work

The planned changes to the fences have been completed to a high standard:

- the original Plot 5 has been divided into two smaller plots 5 and 6
- Plot 7 has been divided into two more sensibly sized plots 8a and 8b
- the unused personal access gate has been changed to regular fencing



Plot 8 has been repurposed as a delivery area, with half-height feather board fence keeping it separate from plots 9 and 10

Deliveries

Many of us are beginning to think about deliveries to the site. There is plenty of room in the car park for you to drive down and unload from your boot there. Loads that are too bulky or heavy for a car will need delivering to the site.

Flatbed trucks up to 3.5 tonnes in weight have successfully delivered timber and shed parts to the car park area.



This sort of truck has delivered the summer house to the site

Materials such as bulk bags of soil, bark chippings, manure or gravel may well be delivered by a HI-AB wagon (a heavier lorry with a mounted handling crane). The best place for these to be unloaded

is our new delivery area, as the lorry does not need to enter the site, risking damage to the internal access road.

Remember that you must be present to supervise the delivery. If you arrange for someone to do this on your behalf, you remain responsible for safe delivery.

You must remove items and materials from their drop-off point to your plot in a timely fashion.

Address

Drop-down menus of addresses on websites do not give an address for the site. However, this works if you have the option to type it in:

Killinghall Moor Allotments
Whernside Close
Harrogate
HG3 2QT

What3Words for additional delivery information if there is an option for it:

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Dogs

You must not cause nuisance or annoyance to other tenants or neighbours. Pet dogs may be brought onto the site provided owners carry waste bags and immediately remove fouling. Exercising dogs or any other animals on the site is not allowed. Please make sure your dog is not free to roam beyond your plot.



Gates and fences

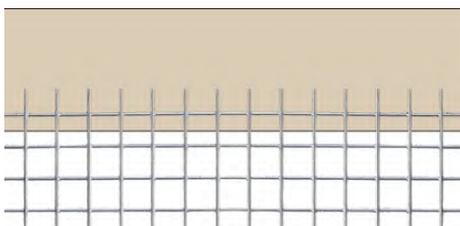
It is important that we don't do anything that could lead to fence damage, particularly damage from the wind. You must not fix any structure to a fence, except those that do not significantly increase its weight and/or wind-loading, and you can't use nails. You can attach gravel boards no higher than 15 cm to the fence, but not plant supports or gates.



What if you need to make your plot more secure? You can't attach a gate using hinges, but having a gate inside your plot that you can pull across or move into place is fine.

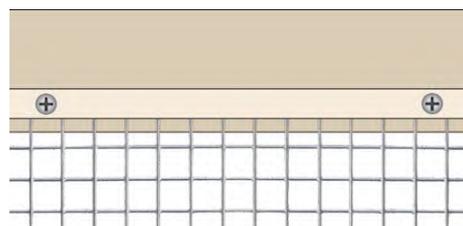
Wire mesh

What if you want to stop dogs and other animals getting in (or out of) your plot? You can use wire mesh on your fence to close the gaps between the rails. But you can't nail it on. Your Committee has decided that the safest and least damaging way to fix it involves wooden batten.



Step 1

Hold the wire mesh in place against the fence rail



Step 2

Place a length of batten over the cut edge and screw onto the rail

This method will preserve the fence, help protect people and animals from sharp cut ends of the wire, and look neat.

Contact your Committee

You can email the Allotments Committee at: kmac@killinghallmoorallotments.org.uk