



Pucklechurch Allotment Inspection Report 2024

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This was a simple inspection of the allotments and connecting facilities. I intended to look at abandoned or neglected plots, access / egress routes, overgrowing weeds / bushes / trees, health and safety aspects including dangerous chemicals, deep water containers and damage. An emphasis on litter and recycling plus misuse / abuse of all areas.

Abandoned / Neglected Plots

Generally, the site is looking better overall. Recommendations regarding waste oil drums, metal waste and other materials have all been removed since the 2023 report. The majority of the newer sites are being managed although a couple were showing no signs of recent attention.



Some of the new split plots were particularly looking in good shape and it was nice to have a conversation with people present at the site for their views which were positive.

Access / Egress Routes

The entrance gate was open when I arrived, no vehicles were causing a disruption either around the site or on the main road. There were vehicles on site but had been parked in a sensible area to allow other users access.

The gate is in good order and the padlock was present.



Overgrowing Weeds / Bushes / Trees

A lot of weeds were evident on the individual plots rather than the main site areas. Brambles were hanging down on the access / egress routes which could cause an injury to eyes / face and should be cut back.

The trees (particularly the orchard) were looking better than the previous inspection and efforts had been made to clear the area for communal use.



Health and Safety

For this I looked at various aspects including slip / trips and falls, any potential hazards, any high-risk elements i.e. chemicals, asbestos, waste and sewage, open water butts.

I was very happy with the general condition of the site and once again efforts had been made to clear old waste materials from outside of individual allotments. Some though, still require work and removal of redundant equipment / material.

Litter and Other observations

Litter is still an issue although not on the same levels as previous reports. People are using an area of the original orchard as a communal space and not clearing the area. This may well general members of the public.



Conclusion

A very good visit with no majors concerns or issues highlighted. Improvement needed around some vegetation to remove brambles and to litter management which requires attention to prevent pest issues particularly rats.

HAZARD	GOOD	POOR	REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT
Access / Egress	✓		
Abandoned / Neglected Plots			✓
Vegetation	✓		
Health and Safety	✓		
Litter			✓
Other Hazards	✓		

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