

Allotment report for October 2025 by Rick Dunning

I've left a thumbnail of the last inspections so you have a comparison.
Comment is below the photo of each plot.

This year I spoke to three separate allotment holders who all told of the same woes, namely that the weather this growing season has been particularly difficult, First it was too wet to dig/plant, then very hot and sunny with the ground turning 'concrete hard' and the difficulty in getting water to the site daily and then too wet again (although this caused an unseasonal growth burst – mainly of unwanted plants)!

Plot 1:



Poor.



Not well used (recently strimmed by committee).

Plot 2:



OK.



OK.

Plot 3:



Some work.



OK.

Plot 4:



Good.



Good.

Plot 5a:



Good.



Good.

5b:



Poor.



Needs work! May become communal area.

Plot 6a:



Not good.



Not really improved.

6b:



Good.



Worked

Plot 7:



Work in progress.



Used.

Plot 8:



Good.



OK.

Plot 9a:



Good.



Good.

Plot 9b:



Good.



Good.

Plot 10:



Good.



Good.

Plot 11:



Poor.



Work done by committee.

Plot 12:



Not a lot happening.



OK.

Plot 13



Good.



Good.

Plot 14:



Not as good as it was.



Quite good.

Plot 15:



Good.



Good.

Plot 16:



Good.



Good.

Plot 17:



Good.



Good.

Plot 18a:



Good.



OK.

Plot 18b:



Much better.



Well worked.

Plot 19a:



Being worked, not as good it was.



Shutting down for winter.

Plot 19b:



Being worked.



Not good, a mess.

Plot 19c:



Good.



Not good.

Plot 20a/b.



Some work.

20a/b.



Had some work.



Work in progress...



Plot 21a:



Slow progress!



Some work done.

Plot 21b:



Good.



Overgrown (allotment holder may be moving away, thc).

Plot 21c:



Good.



Good.

Plot 23:



Good.



Good.

Plot 25 (no 24 for some reason):



Good.



Good.

Plot 24: Community orchard.



Good.



Good.

Community shaded sitting/parking area.



Good, as are all pathways & the gateway.



Still good.

5e Allotment proposal from the Allotment Association Committee to the Parish Council for the meeting on Oct 15th

PROPOSAL:

We would like to utilise unused plot 5b on the allotments as an area for the allotment holders to use communally. As an association we would pay the annual plot rental. This plot is ideally sited as it is central to all plot holders and also out of sight for people walking casually around the site.

Our main proposal is to use the plot to hold a compostable toilet, a community toolshed and a herb garden

The compostable toilet is a standalone structure approx.. 2.5 m x 1.5m in area. This toilet needs no drainage, discharges no waste and is also reported to be completely smell free. The compost produced is suitable for use on flower gardens.

This toilet would be a great boon for all the plot holders by reducing the need to travel back and forth to the allotments just for comfort breaks. This will also help to reduce car travel as people will be able to spend more time there without this worry.

The community toolshed would assist with anyone who forgot to bring their own tools on a particular visit and would be a great help to any new plot holders who are just starting out and don't have all the equipment they may need.

Both the toilet and toolshed would be secured with combination locks with the number known by the plot holders.

It was also proposed that the rest of the plot would be utilised as a herb garden for general use. This would benefit all by providing extra produce and possibly free up space for some people by removing the need for everyone to grow the same plants.

Screening could also be added to the fencing to keep the area private and less obvious to non plot holders who we all see walking around the site.

I have attached a link to the proposed toilet below.

<https://dunsterhouse.co.uk/dunster-house-products/eco-toilets-and-glamping-pods/composting-toilet-mki>

Best Regards

Mike Bathgate.
Chair Allotment Association

5f Recreations ground replacement initial research

Wickstead Multiple options No prices

[Wickstead](#)

Eg Bike



4 Saw See Saw



[Motorcycle Springy | Playground Springies | Wickstead](#)
[4 Seater Playground Saw See Saw | Play Equipment | Wickstead](#)

Playdale

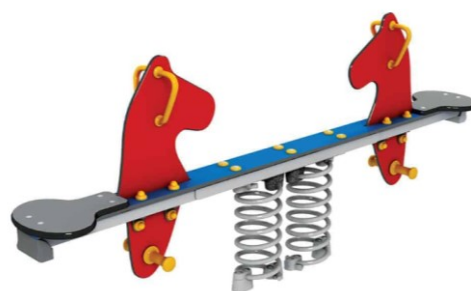
Various springers - 18 months - 6 years

Eg Spring Foal (double)

From: £1,970

Motorbike from £847

Sea horse from £1,728.00



Komplan

Various springers aimed at 1+ [Playground Springers | Commercial Playground Equipment](#)

Other options [Commercial Freestanding Playground Equipment - KOMPAN](#)

Eg

Boogie Spinner™

from £5480 age 6+

Spinning bowls

from £590 age 4+

Multi spinner carousel

£4640 Age 3+



Sutcliffe

<https://sutcliffeplay.co.uk/playground-equipment/springers/>

Eg Charlie seesaw aged 2-8 no price

<https://sutcliffeplay.co.uk/equipment/charlie-springie/>

various options for design



Proludic

Lots of options for younger children

https://www.proludic.co.uk/products/play-areas/moving-equipment/springers/?_per_page=80

EG quatro 6 users 2+

<https://www.proludic.co.uk/product/j830/>



Caloo

Various options no prices

[Springers - Playground Equipment - Caloo UK Ltd](#)

Eg Ghost springer for up to 6 children aged 2-8



September 2025

Dear Ms Dunning,

We are reaching out to express our keen interest in partnering with Pucklechurch Parish Council to provide further sporting and wellbeing opportunities for children and families in your local community during the half term school holidays.

For over 12 years, we have successfully worked with Dodington Parish Council, delivering free football fundays, playschemes and sporting event days for primary-aged children during the school holidays. These sessions, funded by the Parish, have given hundreds of children the chance to take part in fun, inclusive, and healthy activities, all at no cost to families. The popularity of the programme has grown year on year, and we have since extended our support to local schools by providing lunchtime clubs to help children build skills and confidence ahead of these events.

Following the success established with Dodington Parish, our work over the last few years has expanded in partnership with:

- Hanham Abbott's Parish
- Hanham Parish
- Bitton Parish
- Westerleigh Parish
- Coalpit Heath Parish
- Chipping Sodbury Parish

Across these communities, the results have been consistently positive: children of all ages and abilities are welcomed, participation is high, and families value the safe, active, and engaging environment that we provide.

At Swift Sports Coaching, we specialise in delivering a wide range of sports and wellbeing programmes, including:

- Holiday clubs and after-school clubs
- PPA cover for teachers
- CPD and NQT training for staff
- Wraparound childcare provision
- Behaviour interventions and tailored programmes

We provide a comprehensive service, handling every aspect of event delivery, including promotion, bookings, registers, set-up and pack-down, as well as safeguarding and supervision. Following each event, we supply the Parish with a full report and participation statistics, giving clear insight into community engagement and impact.

All of our coaches are fully insured, hold enhanced DBS checks, and are trained in First Aid, ensuring the highest standards of safety and professionalism at every session.

Our family-based, local business is proud of its strong reputation for motivating children to enjoy sport and embrace active, healthy lifestyles that support both physical and mental wellbeing.

We believe there is an exciting opportunity to bring a similar scheme to your Parish, offering children and families accessible activities, particularly at a time when many households are under increasing financial pressure. Free or low-cost provision not only helps families but strengthens community wellbeing and inclusivity.

We have worked with a number of schools in the Pucklechurch area delivering a wide range of enriching and community based programmes and currently partner with Barrs Court Primary, Longwell Green Primary and St Barnabas Primary school delivering their P.E and sport provision as well as wrap area care before and after school.

We would love the opportunity to meet with you to discuss how we might shape a programme tailored for your Parish. We can also provide testimonials and case studies from the councils we currently work alongside.

Thank you for considering this proposal. We look forward to the possibility of working together to make a lasting difference in your community.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Ryan Elsbury



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Hanham Abbots
PARISH COUNCIL



LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME — SILVER AWARD ACHIEVEMENT

October 2025

Dear Daphne

As chair of the National Association of Local Councils (NALC), it is with great pleasure that I confirm that **Pucklechurch Parish Council** has achieved the Silver Award.

Receiving the Silver Award is an excellent achievement showing that your local (parish and town) council achieves good practices in governance, community engagement and council improvement. Furthermore, this award shows that your council has gone above and beyond the legal obligations; you lead your community and continuously seek opportunities to improve and develop even further. Therefore, the council is to be congratulated immensely.

I want to express my sincere thanks to you **Daphne Dunning**, for your hard work submitting the Silver Award application and the additional work throughout the assessment process.

My expression of thanks is also given to **Pucklechurch Parish Council**. Your service to your community and supporting your Local Council Award Scheme application are recognised and reflected in your achievement.

As your council has shown its commitment to continuous improvement and development, I very much look forward to **Pucklechurch Parish Council** applying for the Gold Award and celebrating more achievements.

Yours sincerely,



NALC Chair

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Our ref: P25/01813/RVC
(Please quote at all times)
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Date: 18th September 2025
Email: planningapps@southglos.gov.uk

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS

Dear Sir/Madam

LOCATION: 2 Edmund Court Pucklechurch South Gloucestershire BS16 9PW
DESCRIPTION: Variation of condition 2 attached to permission P25/00847/HH to amend the approved plans. Erection of front porch. Installation of 2no. front dormers. Erection of single storey rear extension to form additional living accommodation with rear raised patio.
REFERENCE NO: P25/01813/RVC

With reference to your correspondence this is to inform you that this application has now been considered and the Council's decision is: Approve with Conditions.

The decision notice will be available on the Council's website at <https://www.southglos.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/search-planning-applications/>

.Alternatively please visit one of our one stop shop offices between 8.45 am to 5.00 pm (4.30 pm Fridays) where a member of staff will be happy to help you.

I must emphasise that this letter refers only to the planning application bearing the above reference number and not to any other proposal which may have been submitted on this site.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the Customer Services Centre, Tel: 01454 868004.

Yours faithfully

Technical Support Team Leader