



Ware Town Council

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| Report of | Cemetery & Allotments Officer |
| Report to | Community & Environment Committee |
| Date | Monday 28 April 2025 |
| Subject | Cemetery and Allotments Report |

Decisions to be made

1. The Council is asked to consider dates for the summer Allotment Competition – proposed dates are Round 1: Thursday 10th July and Round 2: Thursday 17th July (WAGS Committee and Specialist Judge have confirmed their support of these dates)
2. The Council is asked to consider which members of the Council will participate in the judging of the Allotment Competition and their available time for both dates

Allotment Waitlist Report

Up until 04.04.2025 we had **0** people on the waiting list for both sites, but with 7 plots available at Warehouse Field. We advertised the available plots within the monthly Newsletter and between 04.04.2025 – 10.04.2025 we received 7 applications plus a further 6 enquiries.

| Site | # on Waitlist | # of Vacant Plots |
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| Crosspath Field (King George Road) | 1 | 0 |
| Warehouse Field (Widbury Hill) | 9 | 8 |

One of the people on the waiting list for Warehouse Field already has a plot but would like an additional one, however she is a new tenant and is required to have her first plot for one full year before they are offered another.

The person on the waiting list for Crosspath also has a plot already and has received positive inspections reports so is eligible for taking on an additional plot but we do not have any available at this site.

Allotment Inspections

I will be completing the annual allotment inspections between May – July. This is where I will inspect and raise a report for every single plot and provide each plot holder a copy of their report.

Annual Allotment Competition

The proposed dates for this year's Annual Allotment Competition are Thursday 10th July for the first round of judging and Thursday 17th July for the second round of judging. The Specialist Judge, Victoria Stephenson, will be joining us again to provide her expert support with the final round. The Wags Committee will undertake the initial shortlisting of plots to be put forward for the first round of judging.

WAGS Committee Chair

After dedicating 15 years of his time, Nigel Beynon has made the decision to retire from his role as the WAGS Chair. The Committee AGM is being held on 10.04.2025, whereby a new Chair will be appointed. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Nigel for his dedication to the allotments and his support, he will be missed within his role as Chair.

Compostable Toilet

We have feedback to WAGS funding approval for one compostable toilet to be installed at one of the allotment sites. We have explained in order to progress with this we require commitment from volunteers (plot holders and/or Committee Members) who will be responsible for cleaning and maintaining the toilet. We will need a Management Plan drawn up by the Committee detailing how the toilet will be regularly maintained (this includes the disposing of waste for composting). We have asked WAGS Committee to discuss this at their AGM on 10.04.2025 and provide feedback.