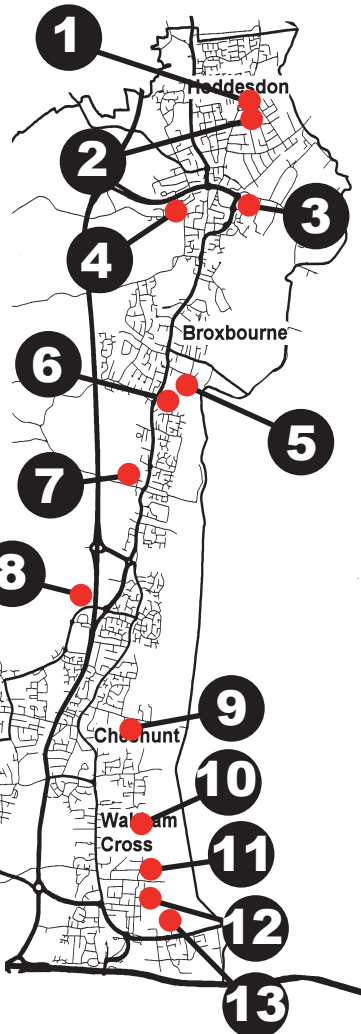


ALLOTMENT SITE LOCATIONS

1. **OLD HIGHWAY** – entrance in track between Old Highway and Stanstead Rd.
2. **STANSTEAD ROAD** – sited between Whitley Rd and Murchison Rd.
3. **LAMPITS** – on Lampits estate, entrance via open space next to 55 Lampits.
4. **LORD STREET** – entrance next to 122 Lord St.
5. **MILL LANE** – by New River at end of Mill Lane, Broxbourne.
6. **WESTVIEW** - entrance at side of Kingfishers, High Rd. Broxbourne, just past entrance to Broxbourne Sports Club
7. **CHURCH LANE** - next to Wormley Playing Fields.
8. **HALFHIDE LANE** – Brookfield Lane next to travellers site.
9. **CADMORE LANE** – right-hand side just before factory site.
10. **RUSSELLS RIDE** – half way down Russells Ride.
11. **TRINITY NORTH** – across railway lines on the left-hand side.
12. **TRINITY SOUTH** – across railway lines on the right-hand side.
13. **HOLDBROOK** – Holdbrook North next to Bowyer Court.
14. **DARK LANE** – next to Bonney Grove School.
15. **DOVERFIELD** – alleyway next to the houses on the left-hand side.



USEFUL CONTACTS

Cheshunt Horticultural Society

Contact: Mrs D Leggett, Tel: 01992 638622

Goffs Oak Horticultural Society

Contact: Mrs M G Gedge, Tel: 01707 875454

Hoddesdon Gardening Association

Contact: Mr D Nutt, Tel: 01992 550923

Borough of Broxbourne Environmental Management

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One Stop Shops

Wolsey Hall, Windmill Lane, Cheshunt
Unit 42, Tower Centre, Hoddesdon

123 High Street, Waltham Cross

Monday-Friday 9.00am – 5.30pm

Saturday 9.00am – 1.00pm

(Waltham Cross 9.00am – 4.00pm)

All One Stop Shops close at 3.30pm on the last Thursday of each month for staff training.

Helpline: 01992 785577

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Allotments



**Grow your own –
an information leaflet**

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BENEFITS

More and more people are taking an interest in the kind of food they eat. An allotment allows you to grow and eat fresh fruit and vegetables. It is also an enjoyable and rewarding pastime with the added bonus of regular exercise in the fresh air. Tending an allotment can provide an excellent means of getting away from it all and provides a good opportunity to meet new friends.

WHAT IS AN ALLOTMENT?

An allotment is a plot of land on which you can grow fruit, vegetables, plants and flowers. Traditionally allotments are measured in poles. An average plot measuring ten poles is the equivalent of 250m². Smaller allotments are available.

WHERE ARE THE SITES IN BROXBOURNE?

There are allotment sites throughout the Borough of Broxbourne, so you will not have to travel far. Please refer to the map in this leaflet.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The cost of renting an allotment varies depending on the size of the plot. Concessionary rates are available for those over 60 years of age.

1 PREPARATION

- Do not try to dig all of your plot at once. Doing so can create future weeding problems
- When **digging**, choose the right day – the ground should be neither frozen nor saturated
- Begin **slowly** – 30 minutes work is enough for the first day if you are not used to strenuous activity
- Annual **weeds** can be dug in, but the roots of perennial weeds must be removed
- Never bring **subsoil** to the surface as this will ruin fertility
- Do not remove existing top soil
- All plots can be enriched when well rotted **manure/compost** is dug into the soil: its role is to improve the crumb structure and increase the water & food holding capacity.

2 LOOKING AFTER THE CROP

- **Weeds** can be a threat to the plot and need to be kept at bay, as they compete for space, food and water, and can harbour diseases. A layer of mulch after the crop is established will reduce water loss, increase nutrient content & improve soil structure
- The role of **fertiliser** is to provide the plants with enough nutrients to ensure they reach their full potential. Organic or inorganic fertilisers can be used
- If there is a prolonged dry spell, **watering** will be necessary (especially for cucumbers, marrows, beans, peas, celery, and onions). The rule is to water the soil generously and thoroughly every 7 days, when the weather is dry
- Perhaps the best course of action is to speak to other **plot holders** or your site representative whose name and plot number will be on the site notice board.

GO GREENER!

Adding compost improves the soil structure whilst returning valuable nutrients to the soil, adding moisture and retaining humus. Best of all, compost is recycled from garden and kitchen waste so not only is it free, but the process also disposes of unwanted rubbish. Many everyday waste items from your home can also be added with your garden waste to your composter. At least 30 per cent of your household bin could be composted!

To make the best compost, it is important to try to balance the 'green' items and 'brown' items. The following table gives you some examples of each type.

Green items	Brown items
grass cuttings	egg shells (crushed)
fruit scraps and vegetable peelings	cereal boxes
old flowers	toilet and kitchen roll tubes
tea bags and coffee grounds and filter paper	garden prunings
pond algae and seaweed (in moderation)	bedding from vegetarian pets
spent bedding plants	



For further details contact your local one stop shop or the helpline on 01992 785577 or visit www.broxbourne.gov.uk.

BROXBOURNE IN BLOOM

This established annual competition is open to all residents and businesses within the Borough of Broxbourne. There are a number of categories specifically for allotment plot holders, each with prizes for the winning entries.

ALLOTMENT SERVICE STANDARDS/COSTS

Communal areas on sites are included in the grounds maintenance contract. This includes main paths and hedges which are cut at least twice a year. Vacant plots are cut twice a year to minimise any nuisance to cultivated plots. Site fencing and gates are maintained by the Council. Water tanks are provided on sites. The supply charges and upkeep of the tanks is carried out by the Council.

Estimated costs for 2008/09

Expenditure	£
Hedge and path works	6,290
Water supply	7,000
Water tank repairs	1,500
Vacant plot strimming	2,655
Gates/boundaries	3,600
Fly tipping/rubbish clearance vacant plots	4,018
Total	25,063
(excludes on costs)	
Income	
Allotment fees	16,100

For further information on allotments please contact the allotment administration team for Community Services on 01992 785508.