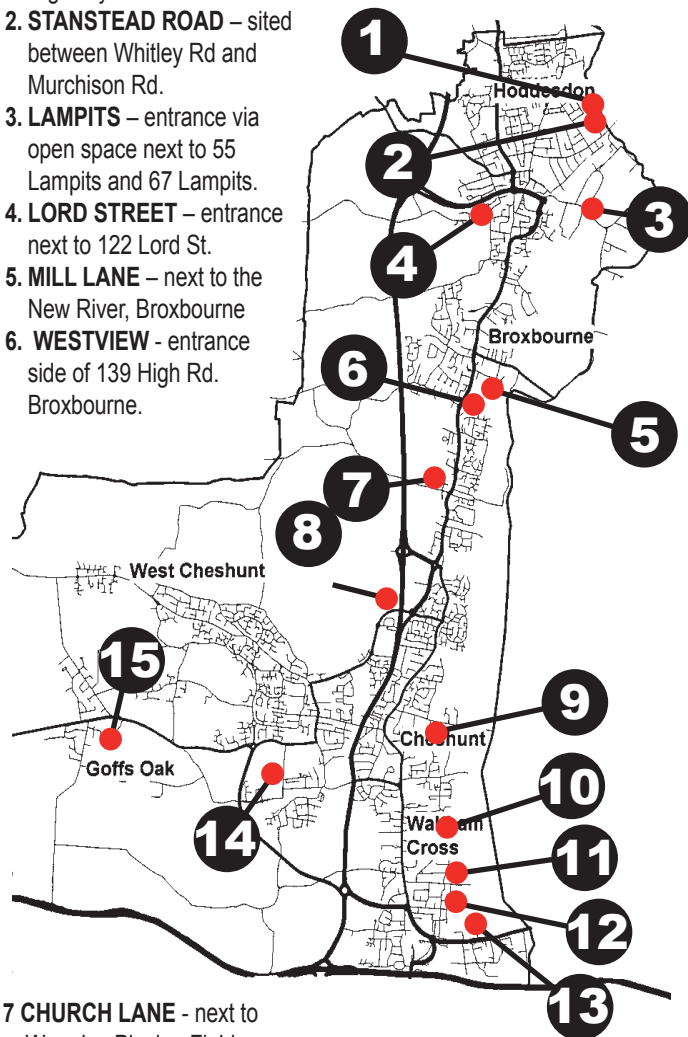


## Allotment site locations

1. **OLD HIGHWAY** – entrance on track between Old Highway and Stanstead Rd.
2. **STANSTEAD ROAD** – sited between Whitley Rd and Murchison Rd.
3. **LAMPITS** – entrance via open space next to 55 Lampits and 67 Lampits.
4. **LORD STREET** – entrance next to 122 Lord St.
5. **MILL LANE** – next to the New River, Broxbourne
6. **WESTVIEW** - entrance side of 139 High Rd. Broxbourne.



- 7 **CHURCH LANE** - next to Wormley Playing Fields.
8. **HALFHIDE LANE** – adjacent to A10 bridge.
9. **CADMORE LANE** –opposite 165 Cadmore Lane.
10. **RUSSELLS RIDE** – opposite 119 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** – behind Bowyer Court.
14. **DARK LANE** – next to school
15. **DOVERFIELD** – track side of 2 Doverfield.

## 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

### Environmental Services

Broxbourne Business Centre

Unit 4 Fairways

New River Trading Estate

Cheshunt, Herts, EN8 0NP

Tel: 01992 785555

Fax: 01992 642216

Website: [www.broxbourne.gov.uk](http://www.broxbourne.gov.uk)

## One Stop Shops

The Laura Trott Leisure Centre, Windmill Lane, Cheshunt

Hoddesdon Library, 98a High Street, Hoddesdon

123 High Street, Waltham Cross

Monday to Friday 9am - 5.30pm (5pm at Cheshunt)

Saturdays 9am - 1pm

Closed last Thursday of every month from 3.30pm for staff training

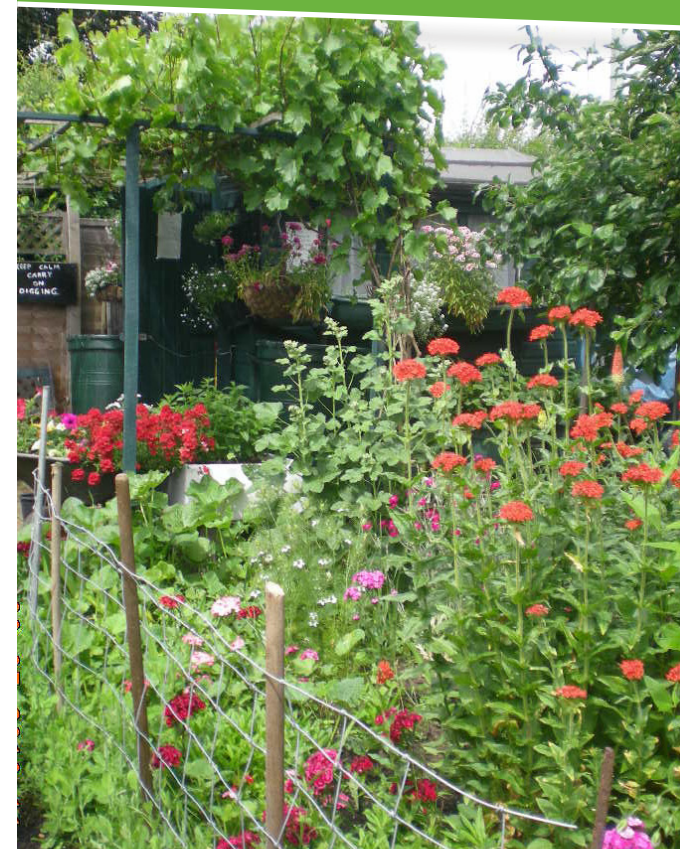
**Helpline: 01992 785577**

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# Allotments

Grow your own - an information leaflet



## 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 five poles is the equivalent of 125 m<sup>2</sup>.

## 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.

## 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 to have an allotment?

The cost of renting an allotment varies depending on the size of the plot. Concessionary rates are available.

## 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 and food holding capacity.

## 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 and 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 seven 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 waste. Many everyday waste items from your home



food and garden 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 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, coffee grounds and filter paper	garden prunings
pond algae and seaweed (in moderation)	bedding from vegetarian pets
spent bedding plants	

## 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

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.

**For further information on allotments please contact the allotment administration team for Environmental Services on 01992 785555 ext. 5754.**