



## **THETFORD TOWN COUNCIL ALLOTMENTS PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Thetford Town Council is concerned that not all allotment plot holders are complying with terms and conditions of their tenancy agreement which can cause health and safety issues for themselves and other allotment holders. Further when plots are vacated they are often left in a very untidy state and covered with items which then have to be disposed of, by the council, at tax payers' expense.**

**Although allotments holders are charged a deposit that is forfeited if their allotment is returned in an unacceptable order, the deposit is not high enough to discourage this and the council find they are incurring extra expense in clearing these plots of vegetation and rubbish left behind by the previous tenant.**

**The council has a duty to provide allotment plots to residents but wishes to reduce the burden on the tax payer as much as possible but at the same time not charge excessive deposits which may discourage residents from applying for an allotment.**

**To resolve this problem the Council will be providing a current member of staff to regularly monitor the allotment sites, to provide advice to tenants and to identify plots where allotment holders are breaching the rules. It is hoped this will encourage allotment holders to comply with the terms of their tenancy agreement which should lead to fewer plots being relinquished in an untidy condition. This will be a gradual process that will start in January 2018 and should be completed across all sites by May 2018. After this period the allotments will continue to be monitored weekly with non compliance notices issued for any breaches.**

**It is hoped that tenants appreciate the Council's attempt to improve the allotments making them a safer, healthier and more pleasant place to spend leisure time, by reading the terms and conditions and ensuring their plots comply.**

**Thank you for your co-operation in this matter. Should you have any further questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact the Council on 01842 754247, or by email on [mail@thetfordtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:mail@thetfordtowncouncil.gov.uk) or in writing to King's House, King Street, Thetford, Norfolk IP24 2AT. Website: [www.thetfordtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.thetfordtowncouncil.gov.uk)**

**Thetford Town Council 05/12/2017**

Please see below for the approximate inspection date. If plot holders could ensure their allotments do not breach the rules by this date the Council will be very grateful.  
Thank you

**Plot Inspection schedule**

**Mundford Road**

Plots 1 – 22      03/01/2018

Plots 23 – 45      10/01/2018

Plots 46 – 70      17/01/2018

Plots 71 – 88      24/01/2018

**London Road**

Plots 6 – 24B      31/01/2018

Plots 25A – 43      07/02/2018

**Bury Road**

Plots 1 – 21      14/02/2018

Plots 22 – 39      21/02/2018

Plots 40 – 44      28/02/2018

**Icknield Way**

Plots 1 – 8B      07/03/2018

**Magdalen Street**

Plots 1 – 11      14/03/2018

**British Rail plots (Mundford Road)**

Plots 1 – 18      21/03/2018