

GREAT CHESTERFORD

Allotment Requirements

The Parish Council have been asked to provide a site for allotments for the residents of Great Chesterford. The requirements are set out below:

- One to one and a half acres of land
- Close proximity to the village
- Access to water supply
- Easy access for the disabled
- Permission of landowner for storage of tools etc. (individual sheds or large communal shed)
- Recommended duration of lease 14 years (negotiable)
- Termination of lease: 1 year given on 29th September at the request of either the landowner or Parish Council
- Reasonable cost for the lease of land

Benefits of Allotments

Promotion of health and well being: providing opportunities to people of all ages for informal recreation allotments may provide physical exercise and other health benefits.

As a haven for flora and fauna: sites may also have a potential to be corridors or stepping stones from one habitat to another and may contribute towards achieving objectives set out in local biodiversity plans.

As a community resource: as a place for local residents to meet and come together for community events or periodic activities (open days, allotment forestry beanpole fests).

By leasing agricultural land for allotments landowners could diversify their interest and improve their local communities, whilst still making a profit.

Planning permission would not be required for any such allotments, as there is no change of land use. Section 55 subsection (2) paragraph (e) Town and Country Planning Act 1990.