



# allotments in Hemel Hempstead



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### Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

Yes  No

### Do you consider yourself to be:

White British  Irish

Other White (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

### Mixed

White & Black Caribbean  White & Black African

White & Asian

Other Mixed (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

### Asian or Asian British

Indian  Pakistani  Bangladeshi

Other Asian (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

### Black or Black British

Caribbean  African

Other black (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

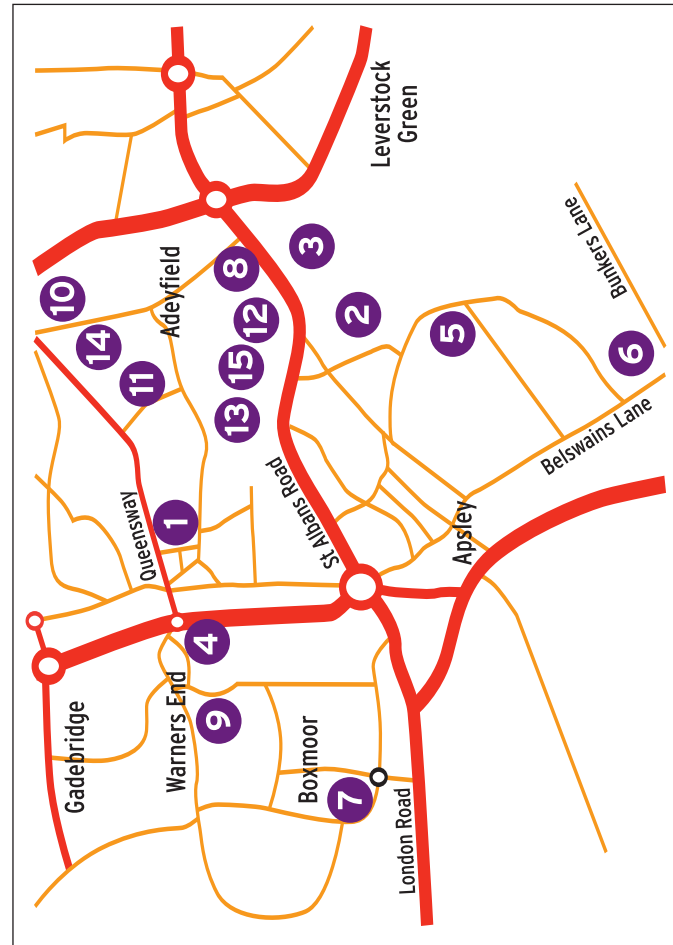
### Chinese or other ethnic group

Chinese

Other ethnic group (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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# location of sites



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|---------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Adeyfield Road    | 9 Gravel Hill              |
| 2 Bennetts End      | 10 High Street Green       |
| 3 Brickmakers Lane  | 11 Hobletts Road           |
| 4 Bury Road         | 12 Homefield Road          |
| 5 Candlefield Walk  | 13 Sheepcote Road          |
| 6 Chambersbury Lane | 14 Widmore Drive (2 sites) |
| 7 Chaulden          | 15 Windmill Road           |
| 8 Farland Road      |                            |

### for more advice contact

National Society of Allotments and Leisure Gardeners. 01536 266576.

[www.nsalg.demon.co.uk](http://www.nsalg.demon.co.uk)

Royal Horticultural Society. 0207 8344333

[www.rhs.org.uk](http://www.rhs.org.uk)

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# allotments

## what is an allotment?

An allotment is a plot of land, usually sized in the old measurement of poles. Dacorum's plots are approximately 125 square metres (5 poles). Allotments are owned by the Council for the purposes of renting to local residents so that they may enjoy cultivating their own vegetables, plants or flowers in a quiet and peaceful setting.

Dacorum Borough Council has almost 500 allotments on 16 sites spread throughout Hemel Hempstead. All sites have a water supply (March/April - September/October), and some have on-site parking.

## what are the benefits of cultivating an allotment?

For many people, a garden is a luxury that they do not have at home and their allotment is their garden. For those that do have their own garden, an allotment is still a very special space that they can watch grow, and develop quite differently to their home garden.

Not only is gardening recommended as an excellent form of exercise for people of all ages and abilities, it helps to alleviate stress, and is a great way of meeting other like-minded people.

Here is an opportunity to produce fresh, organic crops, at a fraction of the price you might pay in the shops.

## how much does it cost to rent an allotment?

The rent amount depends on the size of your allotment but costs on average £15.00 a year, at 2009/10 prices.

# gardening tips

## what tools will you need?

The basic tools of spade, fork, hoe, rake and trowel will give you a very good start and you can add to your tools as you discover your style of gardening and what you would like to do with your allotment.

## when to start digging

The best time to start digging\* is the Autumn and thorough preparation of the soil is the key to good crops.

\*As with any new physical activity, please consult your doctor.

## weeding your plot

Make sure you remove the roots of perennial weeds such as ground elder, buttercup, docks, dandelions and couch grass, as if you do not they will grow again. Breaking up the roots in the ground will produce even more weeds. Annual weeds can be buried as digging proceeds.

## compost heaps

Make a frame that will contain all your vegetable material which will rot down. Ideally, you should have two frames, one being filled and one composting.

## planting and sowing

Many seeds are lost through setting in cold wet ground so don't start sowing seeds in the open too early. Late April / May is the best time. Aim to get a succession of crops throughout the year.

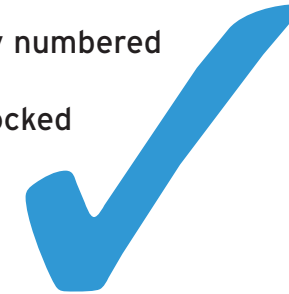
## watering

Only water when necessary. Water seedlings that are being transplanted, but generally speaking, the watering of established plants in the open is not necessary. There is no substitute for a good shower of rain and just wetting the surface with a watering can will encourage a lazy root system.

# do's and dont's

## please do

- Cultivate all of your plot
- Keep your plot clearly numbered
- Keep gates on sites locked at all times
- Clear all weeds to prevent them causing a nuisance to neighbours
- Pay your rent on time



## please don't

- Light bonfires
- Plant trees on allotments
- Use your allotment for business or retail purposes
- Erect sheds or other structures without permission.



# application

If you would like to rent an allotment in Hemel Hempstead please telephone **01442 867858** to find out which sites have vacant plots, or complete this form and return to Allotments, Dacorum Borough Council, Cupid Green Depot, Redbourn Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, HP2 7BA.

For allotments elsewhere in the Borough please contact your Town or Parish Council, details of which can be found in the Residents Handbook, at [www.dacorum.gov.uk](http://www.dacorum.gov.uk) or by calling 01442 228000.

Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms / Other

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

First Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Evening telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

## Are you...?

Under 18 years  18-24  25 - 34

35 - 44  45-54  55-64

65 or above

## I would like to rent an allotment on the:

1st choice \_\_\_\_\_ site

2nd choice \_\_\_\_\_ site

Please see list of sites on the map overleaf.

Date \_\_\_\_\_



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