

MONMOUTH ALLOTMENTS

NEWSLETTER

September 2026

After a very hot, dry Summer, life as an allotmenteer has been hard work but Autumn is here and so is the rain! Monmouth Town Council (MTC) and the Monmouth Allotment Association (MAA) continue to work together for the benefit of the site and this newsletter will provide an update of all that has been happening in the background and what you can expect from the groups moving forward.

As always, MTC and MAA are always open to suggestions and feedback and welcome all plot holders support in ensuring that this site remains the beautiful, tranquil heart of Monmouth it has always been.

Fee Changes

From 1st October 2026, the fee structure for Monmouth Allotments is changing. From this date, the fee to be paid is dependent on the size of your plot to make the site equitable for all.

The fee breakdown is as follows:

Under 100sqm	£20 per year
100sqm-200sqm	£40 per year
Over 200sqm	£60 per year

All plot holders will be informed of the plot size and, therefore, the new plot fees due for 2026-27. It has also been suggested that these fees will be frozen for a period of 2 years.



MAA BBQ and Teach-in

SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER



BBQ 12-4pm

Join us for a relaxed afternoon of good food, friendly faces and great conversation.

HELD ON PLOT 43



FOOD PROVIDED

Burgers and buns will be provided. Please bring any special dietary requirements.



MEET THE COMMITTEE

A great opportunity to meet the MAA committee, share ideas and ask questions.



TEACH-IN SESSION

Learn, share and exchange tips to make the most of our allotments.



BYO DRINKS

Please bring your own drinks.



RSVP

RSVP by return email for numbers.

All members and their families welcome!

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Plot Inspections

Inspections will continue to be undertaken by the MAA and reports made to MTC for consideration. Any problem plots will be identified and suitable action will be taken, with letters to be sent by the MAA. Inspections will focus on the following in line with the tenancy agreements:

Clearing- the plot should be suitably cleared of weeds/ invasive species and rubbish

Cultivation- the plot should be cultivated with flowers and/or produce

Cropping- produce should be cropped in the relevant season

If a problem plot is identified, the following process will begin:

1. A warning letter will be sent asking for improvement to be made within 4 weeks;
2. If no improvement is made, a final warning letter will be sent giving an additional 2 weeks to make improvements;
3. If there is no sign of improvement in this time, the tenancy will be terminated.

The Town Clerk met with the Monmouthshire County Council CCTV team during the summer to discuss the installation of cameras on site. Unfortunately, it is not possible for this to happen due to issues with power but also as the site has not been identified as a place of risk. That being said, it was advised that plot holders are entitled to install their own cameras (e.g. a ring doorbell). It is, also, imperative that any anti-social or criminal behaviour is reported to the police either via 101 or online via <https://www.police.uk/pt/contact-us/> so that a record of activity can be maintained and monitored.