

PITSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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ANNUAL NOTICE OF FEES FOR 2024/25

The cost of your allotment is divided into two parts, the first being the tenancy fee charged by the parish council and the second being a membership fee charged by Pitstone Allotment Association.

Pitstone Parish Council resolved that the tenancy fee would remain static at £9.00 per annum per quarter plot for the forthcoming year. This fee covers the cost of water, tree works, maintenance and remedial works to the car park/gate/noticeboard etc that may be necessary. The council does not include a charge to tenants for their administration of the allotment site, liaison with National Trust, nor the public liability insurance which covers the communal areas. Any funds collected by the parish council which are surplus to the running costs are ring-fenced for future maintenance and development work at the allotment site. The council may also contribute to capital development, from other public funding within our remit. Tenants should note that the increasing costs of water and maintenance may mean that this element needs to be increased for 2025/26.

Pitstone Allotment Association resolved to increase their subscription fee for the 2024/25 season by £1 per quarter plot, from £6.00 to £7.00 per quarter plot per annum. For the convenience of plot holders, this fee is collected by the Parish Council at the same time as your tenancy fee and passed direct to PAA who use these funds to pay for the Chris Knott Insurance which covers all areas around the plots and hedge cutting. The NSALG membership, which gives plot holders the 3rd party insurance they require under the tenancy agreement, is paid for from funds raised through the flower and produce stalls and other fundraising activities.

The total cost per quarter plot will therefore be £16.00 for the 2024/25 season.

As per the terms and conditions of your Allotment Garden Tenancy Agreement, the renewal rental will be payable in full on or before 30 September 2024. New paperwork, for your signature, will be issued at the start of September.

We hope that you continue to enjoy your allotment garden in this beautiful location and reap the benefits for your families.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk.

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