



Ware Town Council

Report of Cemetery & Allotments Officer
Report to Community & Environment Committee
Date Monday 27 January 2025
Subject Cemetery and Allotments Report

Allotment Waitlist Report

There is currently a total of **4** people on the waiting list covering both sites (this is the lowest it has been).

Site	# on Waitlist	# of Vacant Plots
Crosspath Field (King George Road)	1	0
Warehouse Field (Widbury Hill)	3	13

There is 1 people on the waiting list for Warehouse Field who already has a plot but would like an additional one, however she is a new tenant and is required to have her first plot for one full year before they are offered another.

There is a person on each of the site's waiting lists who have both been offered several opportunities to view the available plots at their chosen site but have not done so. If I have not heard back from them, I will be writing to them both in February requesting confirmation they wish to remain on the waiting list. If I continue to receive no response they will be removed.

Since the Christmas period we have received 3 new waiting list applications, and 2 of those have already taken up a tenancy.

I will be looking to promote the allotments via our noticeboards and social media channels in the near future.

Allotment Inspections

I will be completing a general walk round inspection at both allotment sites within the next month. I will only be completing reports on those plots where issues or actions are identified.

The annual allotment inspections will take place between May – July. This is where I will inspect and raise a report for every single plot.

Memorial Stability Testing

Before Christmas Matthew Watkins, Grounds & Maintenance Manager, re-tested the memorials previously identified as unsafe. Some of those initially deemed as 'medium' risk have been re-ragged as 'high' risk and the Registered Owner's have been notified. Those deemed 'high' risk where the Registered Owner is deceased and no contact has been received from the wider family have been laid down – flat on the grave space with the writing facing upwards.

Compliment about Ware Cemetery

“Graveyard walks. now this has taken me a long time to write - probably and sadly because it's a compliment and not a moan!

We live near the Wulfrath Way cemetery, and walk round it or through it really regularly. I'm a big lover of nature, so enjoy seeing the wild flowers coming up and thriving, esp the not so common, meadow Saxifrage, which you draw attention to- which is a nice educating point. I love the long vegetation/grass, and across the road, near Page Hill, our family have really enjoyed the mown out paths through the graveyard. They have been a real joy to amble through and I even saw Marbled white butterflies flying there this year which I've never seen before, and should be celebrated. I do hope they'll be mown out again next year.”