



## BRIDGNORTH TOWN COUNCIL

I am just wanting to express our concerns towards the flooding of the allotments. This is obviously going into my first full year having the allotment but realistically, I won't be able to use it all year round as planned. I knew the risks taking it on next to the river, but I didn't realise the enormous extent to which it ruins our plots and therefore undo all our hard work. Not just for one week at a time, we are now going into our second week of flooding this year and then perhaps after next week being the third week, we can get down there properly to see the damage and begin to start again.

Potentially, this is also very early to flood in the year too so we may have the same problem going forward into February too if we get the same amount of rain. That takes away 2 out of 12 months we could be utilising the plots. Two to three weeks for the floods to come up and then clear and then getting back into the plot by fourth week.

Would the council consider reducing the rates of the allotments for those plots affected by the flooding for the months it is out of action? Collectively we have spoken, Tim Hughes was the person who originally asked this question in the group to which we all agreed that it couldn't hurt to ask. Wendy Condlyffe also stated this is her third year with the plot and it has flooded every year to which she hasn't been able to use it year round. I am mindful that with what is happening with the world and global warming that this will potentially be an ongoing problem every year so we are therefore left with just 10 months to appreciate the allotments.

If the discount would be considered, would it also be fair to both us and the council that we could pay in advance for the plot as we are already doing but if it does flood in that year then following year the council would consider the discount applied to the next years invoice? Maybe that is a better option so everyone is happy should it not flood. (Fingers crossed!) For example, now we pay for 2023 upfront as normal and if it floods January 2023 and February 2023 and affected our plots (I realise some might not be affected, like mine for example being right at the back might not be damaged by the water!) then the invoice for January 2024 would be reduced by X amount or two twelfths of the invoice figure for the year.

Please let me know your thoughts or if this is something that the council might consider moving forward and I'll report back to the allotmenters in the group accordingly.

### Supplementary information:

There are 18 allotments in two sizes. Per annum the allotments cost £85.80 or £72.80 depending on the size.