



Bath Allotments Association (BAA) Water my Plot Microplots

We are writing to you as you are on the waiting list for an allotment. As part of our grant funded project, Water my Plot, BAA is trialing ways of getting less experienced potential allotment growers onto allotment sites on 'microplots'.

Our aim is to help newcomers to allotments to find out what it takes to run an allotment plot and also to give you an insight into how to grow sustainably and organically.

What are Microplots?

Microplots are small plots (between 20-30 square metres) found on BANES allotment sites. They are run by Bath Allotments Association (BAA) in partnership with BANES council. The plots are available for those new to growing or those who just want a small plot at the moment but who may wish to take on more growing space in the future. Microplots can therefore be seen as a stepping stone before you take on your own plot as you stay on the waiting list and will be offered a plot by the Council when you reach the top of the waiting list. At this point you are welcome to take this up and leave the microplot.

Which sites have Microplots?

Microplots are currently located on the Claremont, Lower Common East, Lower Common West, Monksdale, Bloomfield, Larkhall and Mendip Gardens sites

How does it work?

The plot

Bath Allotments Association (BAA) takes the tenancy of a vacant plot. We subdivide the plot into small plots and create a communal area for sub tenants. This may include a shed, a water harvesting and collection point, composting area, seating, fruit beds/trees and wildlife area.

Tenancy

You will be a sub-tenant and your name will be registered with the Council. You will be subject to the same rules as all tenants and you can read them in full at: https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/allotment_rules_guidance_as_amended_2019_final.pdf

We would ask you to use your space as productively as possible, and to participate in communal work. The communal work will be jobs such as keeping the side and internal paths clear, keeping the communal plot facilities in order, helping with any communal beds, trees, fruit bushes, compost bins etc.



Support and advice

We also ask you to commit to growing organically, and to use only chemicals or sprays which are biodegradable. Don't worry about this, we have plenty of experienced growers who will share their experience with you and we let you know about courses and workshops led by the Association and other local Growing Groups which you might like to attend.

BAA will set up a WhatsApp group for the plot. The site also has a WhatsApp Group for you to join. Most growers find these useful for sharing news, growing tips and seedling swaps.

The cost to you

The total cost will be your share of the annual rent, which is the total cost of the plot divided between the number of sub tenants, and the fee for membership of the Bath Allotments Association.

Membership of Bath Allotments Association

This gives you access to heavily discounted stock and seeds at the Trading Hut, access to workshops and advice and pays for the communal resources. For more information please go to the website: <https://bathallotments.org>

Further Information

If you are interested in taking up a microplot, visiting the sites or finding out more please contact info@banes-allotments.org.uk.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Bath Allotments Association

