

Become a Site Representative with the Bath Allotments Association

The Bath Allotments Association (BAA) is a member-led organisation that campaigns for and supports allotment holders across Bath. Everything we do is guided by the needs and voices of our members.

Site Representatives are an important part of this. They help connect plot-holders with the BAA and the Council, making sure everyone's views are heard and that allotment sites stay safe, welcoming and well looked after.

What does a Site Representative do?

Site Representatives are essentially the **eyes and ears of the Association** on their site. They help keep communication flowing between plot-holders, the BAA and the Council.

The main part of the role is being a **friendly first point of contact** for other allotment holders and sharing their ideas, feedback and concerns with the BAA and the Council. Site representatives have access to contact details for members on their site so they can keep everyone informed.

Supporting your allotment community

Site Representatives are encouraged to:

- Welcome **new plot-holders** and help them feel part of the site
- Share information about **BAA activities and resources**
- Promote good gardening practices such as **composting, efficient water use and organic growing methods**
- Encourage **wildlife-friendly gardening**

There are also opportunities to take part in site projects e.g. wildlife areas, community spaces and community projects like **CropDrop**, helping donate surplus produce to those who need it.

Staying involved

Site Representatives are invited to attend occasional meetings including the AGM with the Association and an annual site visit with the Council Officer. These meetings are a chance to share feedback and help highlight improvements needed on sites, such as repairs or infrastructure issues. The information gathered helps the Association work with the Council on how budgets are spent across allotment sites.

Notice boards and site updates

Most sites have a **BAA notice board**, and Site Representatives help keep these updated with Association news and information. If there's ever a problem with a notice board, the contact is **Andrew Baker, Site Representative at Monksdale**.

Some sites also have WhatsApp groups which are open to all tenants.

Handling issues

If a disagreement arises between plot-holders, Site Representatives can refer to the **Association's Code of Conduct**, available on the BAA website. The aim is always to resolve issues amicably. If this isn't possible, the matter can be referred to the Association Committee. In serious cases, the Council should be contacted immediately, with the Association kept informed.

What the role doesn't involve

Site Representatives **don't monitor or enforce plots**. However, they can let the Council or the Association know if they notice vacant or under-used plots. The Council is responsible for enforcing tenancy agreements.

Interested in helping your allotment community thrive?

Becoming a Site Representative is a great way to meet fellow gardeners, share ideas and help shape the future of allotments in Bath.

Right now, **4 of our 24 allotment sites are looking for a Site Representative:**

- Brookfield Park
- Fairfield Park
- Fairfield Valley
- Foxhill

If you garden on one of these sites, this is a great opportunity to help your allotment community.

Please also contact us if your site is not listed as there are opportunities to share site representative responsibilities.