

**CRIPLEY MEADOW ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY**

Our constitution states we aim to manage the allotment site responsibly; respecting the environment and the terms of the Lease with Oxford City Council. We are also actively seeking to manage our site in a sustainable manner. A well-run allotment produces very little waste. Most weeds and crop residues can be composted. Prunings and hedge trimmings can be chipped for use as a mulch, or a stack can be created as a habitat for insect life.

We implement this in the following ways

We use and promote local services and facilities and enable our members to use locally produced wood chip, manure, leaf mould.

We contribute to local self help initiatives like OXCLEAN

We have made minimal use of weedkillers in reclaiming the site and actively seek organic alternatives.

We work with a local recycling firm to manage our waste responsibly and to reduce landfill.

We have now cleared most of the main site and encourage members to think carefully about what they bring on site. We encourage recycling and our web site gives details of local resources but we are also actively aware that the site must not be a store for rubbish e for our successors to deal with!

We encourage all members to use compost bins and look after the soil.

We are fostering links with other local associations to pool experience and facilities.

We advise members on promoting biodiversity in line with good gardening procedures.

We have and continue to remove trees on allotment plots which have grown through neglect, self seeding and limit the availability of usable allotment land. We allow dwarf fruit trees by permission.

We will use the new island development to develop an orchard with native coppiced planting to promote biodiversity.

When we have completed reclamation of the site we will introduce areas of native hedging and longer grass.

Information is available on our web site, and in paper form by request, to help members make the most of their plot and ensure they look after the site and other members

A Guide for Beginners

Fruit trees, Sheds and Fences

Clearing a Plot

Ground cover source and Black plastic source

Protection from Pests

Well digging

Tool hire

Recycled Tools

Code of Practice for Bonfires on Allotment Sites

Manure

English Nature Wildlife on Allotments

Allotments and Biodiversity

External Tool Hire and Fencing Materials (see also Recycling for recycled materials)

Advice about Vandalism and Safety

We also have a page devoted to Making the most of RECYCLING