

If you have a weed covered plot TRY

- Covering it very carefully and start to dig rolling back the plastic. You must anchor the cover down firmly and check it stays down. At the time of writing (2006) a 12 pole plot costs about £75 to cover in black plastic. The plastic will clear any bits you have not uncovered and dug. Carpet can be useful but take care it will not shred, do not use foam backed carpet and dispose of any carpet at Redbridge before it becomes a nuisance. It must not be used near mowing areas.
- Cut it down and keep well very mowed for a year. It will develop turf which you can strip and cultivate as you have time. Keep the rest regularly mowed and even the worst of weeds will eventually disappear.
- If you are willing to consider non-organic means some members do use glyphosate on all weeds that appear in first 6 weeks. Do twice at three week intervals. This can mean you can get started and be rewarded with crops earlier and so not get disheartened which can happen in the early days. We recommend our members are as organic as they can manage and where this is not practicable we ask that chemicals are used as little as possible and never where they will affect others.
- These methods allow you to develop bit by bit.
- Remember clearing by digging is hard work that needs commitment and time. It is good for a work out and gives great sense of achievement. But not everyone can do this and our advice is that you try to get going with some crops asap.
- There is nothing worse than clearing and then leaving so the weeds return with no benefit. So remember
- Once cleared plant and sow so ground is used.
- Cover when not in use.
- Hoe regularly on sunny dry days to stop weeds developing.