## About us

Welcome to the Midsomer Norton Allotment Association



On this site you will find information on who we

are, how we were formed and how to apply for a plot as well as historical records of the allotments over the years.

The Allotment Association is a voluntary organization that runs and operates the Radstock Road allotment site on behalf of Midsomer Norton Town Council.

There are many benefits of growing fresh produce and we hope this site will convince you to 'have a go'. Feel free to contact us for a chat.

If you live within the Midsomer Norton Town Council boundary and would like to consider having an allotment then please click on the link for more information or just give us a call.

## How the Community Allotments Association was formed

The initial agreement between the Council and the Midsomer Norton Allotment Association commenced on the 1st October 2012 until 30th September 2017. We are now in our third term, the latest agreement with the Town Council commenced on the 1st October 2024 for a 5 year term. There are approximately 70 plots of varying sizes.

The Management Committee is elected by the allotment holders (members) with the purpose of managing the day-to-day running of the Association and the site. This opens up the opportunity for us to apply for funding from other bodies to for example bulk-buy seed and plants etc. and to facilitate social events.

The Association invoices all tenants and collects all rent into its own bank account. An annual sum will then be paid on invoice to the Council for the following services:

- General maintenance of the access road, boundary fences, and car-parking areas
- Provision and maintenance of the current water supply
- Payment of all rates and taxes as may be charged upon the Allotment Garden
- Provision of any necessary pest control measures

The Association manages the waiting list and allocates plots as available. The Association undertakes to manage the allotment gardens and paths between them, to maintain the code of conduct for allotment holders, and decide on any necessary transfer to new tenants. The financial year ends 30th September.

In return for the reduction in officer time spent managing the allotments, the invoice to the Association from the Council will amount to a sum that leaves the Association 5% a year for expenses including Public Liability Insurance.

Only those who live within the Midsomer Norton Town Council area are entitled to an allotment. Westfield and Radstock have their own allotment allocations.