



Allotment Site Inspection Report

Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe & Acresford Parish Council

Date of Inspection: Tuesday 22 April 2026

Time: 6.30 pm

Inspectors: Cllr Nick Antill-Holmes, Cllr Mick Warren, and Kelly Grove (Parish Manager)

Purpose of Inspection

The inspection was carried out as a routine Parish Council visit to the allotment site using the Parish Council Allotment Inspection Checklist, aligned with National Allotment Society good practice. The purpose was to review cultivation, general condition, site management, and compliance at the start of the growing season.

Summary of Findings

All plots inspected met the required standards across all sections of the inspection checklist. Each plot achieved positive outcomes for cultivation, tidiness, good husbandry, and appropriate use.

Plots demonstrated clear evidence of active cultivation and seasonal preparation. Weed control, storage, and general care were consistently very good across the site, particularly given the early point in the growing season.

Site Condition

The overall condition of the allotment site was assessed as excellent. The site was tidy, well maintained, and clearly cared for. Pathways and shared areas were accessible, structures appeared safe, and the site was welcoming and well managed.

The councillors and Parish Manager commented that the allotment site was a beautiful space and a genuine pleasure to visit, reflecting a strong sense of pride, care, and community among plot holders.

Observations and Matters for Plot Holder Discussion

During the inspection, councillors identified an area of land where nettles are currently growing. Plot holders are asked to advise how they would like this area to be managed.

Options discussed include extending the composting area into this space or leaving it as it is for the time being.

In addition, one of the recycling bays was observed to contain old rosemary roots and plant material. Plot holders are requested to confirm whether they would like this material removed or whether it should be left in place to break down naturally.

Photographic Reference

The photograph below was taken during the inspection and shows the area referenced above, including vegetation growth and the recycling bay contents, for context and future reference.



Overall Assessment

All plots received a 'Good' assessment. No concerns were identified, and no follow-up action is required.

Conclusion

The Parish Council would like to commend all allotment holders for the excellent start made to the 2026 growing season. The inspection reflected positive engagement, strong husbandry, and a well-managed site, and the Council looks forward to another successful year.