

HENLEY ON THAMES ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

The **Henley-on-Thames Allotments Association** is an active association for allotment gardeners in Henley-on-Thames in Oxfordshire, with around 200 members on two sites.

Our members enjoy growing their own delicious and fresh fruit and vegetables at the Greencroft and Watermans allotments in Henley.

An allotment plot is not all hard work. It is great for healthy exercise in the fresh air; a place to relax and unwind and a place to meet people with similar interests.

Are you looking to take on an allotment? We have a few vacancies

If you are interested in taking on an allotment, look at [our allotment sites](#) to find your preferred site and [contact us](#).

Allotments are rented from the Henley-on-Thames Town Council and are restricted to people living in or near the town. See the [Tenancy Agreement](#) for details. The rent for 2016/17 and 2017/18 can be viewed [here](#).

Useful Information

Trailer

A trailer is available to ALL plot holders to use, if required. Please ring Doug Richards on 01491-573046 if you wish to borrow it.

RHS Cards

The Allotment Association has two RHS cards, each of which entitles the holder plus one guest to 30% off the entry to RHS Gardens (Wisley, Rosemoor, Harlow Carr and Hyde Hall). The only exception is that Sunday entry to Wisley is excluded.

If you would like to make use of one or both of the cards, please [contact us](#).

Links to Other Sources of Information and Advice

Allotments in General

- [The National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners \(NSALG\)](#)
- [The National Allotment Gardens Trust \(NAGT\)](#)
- [Garden Organic](#), the new working name for HDRA, the national charity for organic growing. If you would like to access the member's area of this website, please [contact us](#).

Royal Horticultural Society

The RHS has an excellent [website](#) covering a wide range of topics.

Weather

There are many websites providing weather forecasts. The forecasts for the next few days are ideal for deciding whether it is a good time to sow seeds, or to water. We even have a local recording station.

Despite their failed forecasts of a barbecue summer and a mild winter, the Met Office is the authoritative source and the nearest recording station is [Benson](#), renowned for its overnight low temperatures.

A personal favourite that I often check when the forecast is doubtful before going to the allotment is [rain today](#). This uses radar to detect rain and shows the rain showers on a map. The site takes a little time to load but the display of showers over a period of time shows which way the showers are moving.

Use this website to check for the likelihood of [frost](#) over the next 5 days.

Seed Merchants

Seed merchants do so much more these days, supplying plants, sundries, fruit bushes and seedlings at various stages of growth in modules. I still have a certain loyalty to Suttons who were once based in Reading. They have an excellent website and have, in particular, a good page [In your garden this month](#). Real seeds have advice on [saving](#) your own seed.

Alternative seed suppliers include [vegetable seeds](#) a great value supplier of vegetable seeds to UK allotmenters.

Heritage Seeds are available from Thomas Etty - click [here](#) for more details.

Composting

The National Charity for Organic Growing offers advice on [making your own compost](#).

Local Organisations

Henley Herald is a new Henley news website providing up to date local news and information. Click here to get to the site... [Henley Herald](#)

Other useful websites include

[Henley-on-Thames Town Council](#)