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Dear

Re – North Herts Allotments

You have been entered on the waiting list for an allotment in North Herts.

Due to high local demand and the current popularity of allotment gardening there will unfortunately be a period before you are offered an allotment.

In the meantime for persons new to allotmenting, there is the opportunity to research the subject and make plans for the forthcoming plot.

Monthly magazines such as 'Kitchen Garden', 'Grow your own', 'Grow it' and 'Grow to eat' are available at newsagents. A range of books by authors Caroline Foley, A M Clevely, Mathew Biggs, the Royal Horticultural Society and many others can be found in bookshops and local libraries.

Capel Manor College, Enfield (www.capel.ac.uk) and Oaklands College, St Albans (www.oaklands.ac.uk) run day release or evening classes in horticulture. These can include general gardening skills as well as propagation and vegetable growing. However, courses usually start in September of each year.

The Letchworth District Gardeners Association (www.ldga.org.uk) also have a regular programme of lectures and visits.

When an allotment becomes available you will be sent an offer letter. This is the best time to view the allocated plot after gaining access information from Allotment Administration and to contact the site representative for information on growing conditions, local associations and any social activities on the site.

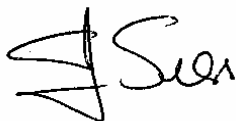
The offer of a plot will be the result of the previous tenant having given up or being evicted through non-cultivation of the plot or non-payment of the rent.

In both cases, the plot offered is most likely to be in an overgrown state. Unfortunately, funding for clearance and preparation of plots was withdrawn many years ago and the plot you are offered is basically 'sold as seen' with any incumbent shed or structures.

That said, most new tenants find bringing an area of land back into cultivation a worthwhile and enjoyable experience.

If at any time you would like to know your position on the waiting list please feel free to contact Allotment Administration on tel. 01462 474000 or service@north-herts.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Sears', with a stylized initial 'S'.

Stephen Sears
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