

Allotments have many benefits. They bring people together and unite them through their shared love of low-cost, healthy fresh fruit and vegetables, physical exercise and social interaction. Some 100 allotments around the country have been granted Asset of Community Value status.

Allotments are a valuable resource and both individuals and community groups take immense pride in their up keep and produce. Allotment holders are active citizens in the local community.

Community gardening provides untold benefits, boosting people's health and wellbeing and strengthening the ties that bring neighbourhoods together (Royal Horticultural Society) Over 100 allotment sites around the country have been listed as assets of community value. Considering that allotments play a vital role in developing active and healthy lifestyles, it is essential that they are protected by local authorities. Spending just half an hour each week on an allotment results in an instant reduction in stress and fatigue, as well as boosting self-esteem, vigour and good health. Few facilities are as affordable as an allotment nor provide as beneficial a return.

Chanctonbury Road allotments is home to 63 allotment holders. It has been in existence for around 70 years and the site is well developed and maintained. There is a substantial waiting list of people interested in investing their efforts into this site. To develop a site is much more than just providing an area. It must be nurtured over many years to ensure fertility and good harvests. This allotment site has been carefully tended and has helped develop relationships in the greater community. The relationships built up over decades in this allotment should not be under estimated.

CHANCTONBURY ROAD – 8543m²

5 rods	11 plots
4 rods	1 plot
3.25 rods	1 plot
3 rods	3 plots
2.75 rods	1 plot
2.5 rods	43 plots
2.25 rods	1 plot

2 rods 1 plot

1 rod 1 plot

Apart from the plots which are maintained by the tenants, the town council maintains the paths and perimeter. Security fencing has recently been upgraded which tenants are paying for over a few years. Water is supplied as are annual skips to remove waste from the site.