

Brief History of the remaining Allotment Sites in Weston

Kewstoke Castle Road

The land at Kewstoke has probably always been used for horticulture, supplying land for the workers by the owners of the local quarry, who provided accommodation in the houses now known as Castle Road.

Like most sites, they became Allotments after the Second World War and the Dig for Victory Campaign. In the 1950s, 2 Anderson Shelters were found on the site (air raid shelters)

The site consisted of 13 large plots, which was changed by the council and Allotment Club by halving the plots to 26 to accommodate the ever-increasing waiting list. The plots are still plenty big enough.

Present Site Manager. Mr Mike Phillips

Red Pitts Church Road, Worle

The Land at Redpitts was donated to the local Parish Council by a Mr Fry, (a wealthy land owner in the Worle area) in 1896 of £4 per acre. This land was then divided into sections, and these sections were rented to parishioners for an annual rent. Along with Castle Road and Clarkes Field they are the oldest existing allotments in Weston. There are 97 plots of various sizes

Present Site Manager. Mr Jim Sutherland,

Great Rhyne Gardens Coleridge Road

Land allocated for allotments during and after building, and after the completion of the housing projects known as the Bournville and Coronation Estates in the early 50s

The name of the allotment site was changed from the Bournville to Great Rhyne Gardens in 2013 by a vote taken by plot holders. You must admit that GRG certainly sounds better.

There are 107 plots all measuring approximately 14m by 14m. The site was completely run down 2005/2006 with only one plot holder in the middle of a jungle of brambles. It was taken over by the Club in 2012/2013 and transformed into the community spirited site that it is today.

Site Manager. Sarah Gates.

Hutton Moor Hutton Moor Road

Just over 100 years old. On land that has always been, as far as we can ascertain, as belonging to the local government. There are 245 plots. The site itself used to be three times the size of what exists at the moment and extended to Winterstoke Road in the south and The Potteries in the west. The Bridge Road Area. All plots were measured at 10 perch (the amount of ground it would take to turn a horse and plough) This was changed to imperial measurements approximately 60 years ago. Plots are now only half that size, roughly 10m x15m. A large area of allotment land was sold off to allow the building of Hutton Moor Leisure Centre and Towns.

Site Manager. Mr Mike Jones.

Old Mill Way Spruce Way

The newest of the Weston Allotment Sites, opened in 2013 with 45 plots. The original plans submitted by the builders were for 24 plots complete with sheds, this was suddenly changed to 45 plots with no sheds. With the help of funds from the builders the site was ploughed and water was installed. Plots were marked out and allocated

There is at the eastern end of the site a large area in the shape of a triangle. This piece of land belongs to N/Somerset and is designated as a Nature Reserve, and the home to Great Crested Newts

Rail tracks to the north and south

Site Manager. Mr Steve Ellis.