



Managed Bonfires and Rubble Disposal

As part of ongoing discussions with Woodley Town Council (WTC), WTC and the Committee have agreed on measures to help tenants remove certain unwanted items from the allotment site.

Managed Bonfires

The general embargo on bonfires ends on **1st October**. Under the current Tenancy Agreement, bonfires may only be held on individual plots after **4pm**.

However, several tenants have expressed concerns:

- It often becomes dark soon after 4pm in winter, making it difficult to supervise and fully extinguish bonfires before leaving.
- Smaller plots may not have sufficient space for bonfires.

To address this, WTC has agreed that the Committee may hold **Managed Bonfires** on weekdays (excluding Mondays), either in the morning or afternoon. Dates and exact locations will be confirmed in due course.

How it will work:

- The Committee will give at least **two weeks' notice** of each Managed Bonfire.
- Tenants may bring **wood only** (e.g., loose branches, pallets, old timber) to a designated collection point, where it will be stored until the bonfire date.
- On the day, the Committee and volunteers will manage the fire until it is fully extinguished.
- For health and safety reasons, tenants will not be allowed in the bonfire area during this process.

Please note: Only wood may be brought for burning. No other materials are permitted. The bonfire site will be monitored by CCTV.

Finally, the Committee expect to start these Managed Bonfires after the 1st October 2025.



Rubble Disposal

In addition, WTC has agreed to allow tenants to dispose of rubble—such as broken paving slabs, unused or damaged bricks, concrete, and stones—at the existing rubble pile near the Reading Road gate.

- Rubble can be transported to this location using wheelbarrows or other suitable means.
- If rubble is brought in plastic bags or sacks, the containers must be taken away and disposed of separately—**do not leave them on-site**. CCTV will be in operation to monitor this and to prevent rubble from being brought in from outside the allotments. Offenders will be in contravention of their Tenancy Agreement.
- This scheme is for **tenants only**, either for their own plot or when assisting others. If you are unable to move your rubble to the collection point, please contact the Committee for assistance.

Please note: This scheme is **only** for rubble (slabs, bricks, concrete, stones). It must not be used for wood, metal, soil, plastic, asbestos, glass, or any other non-rubble materials. Disposal options for these items will be outlined separately.

This Rubish Disposal Scheme will not start until after the 1st October 2025.

The Committee thanks WTC for supporting these two schemes. We hope they will make it easier for tenants to keep their plots clear and will result in fewer issues during next year's inspections.

If there are any questions regarding either of these two new schemes, please contact the committee on readingroadplots@woodley-allotments.org.uk.

Many thanks &
Kind Regards

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