

Perth and Kinross Council Allotment Report 2024/25

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Purpose

The report delivers on the legislation under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 Part 9, section 121 as well as Action 4 of Perth and Kinross Council's (PKC) Food Growing Strategy. Its purpose is to continue developing our understanding of the existing allotment provision in Perth and Kinross with figures reported from the 2024/25 financial year. The last update on allotment sites was published in the Perth and Kinross Council Allotment Report 2023/24, with figures provided from the financial year 2023/24. A survey was sent out to the six allotment sites that are leased from PKC as well as sites not on land owned by PKC.

1. Background

Perth and Kinross Council (PKC) has a vision to increase the provision of allotments and other food growing projects for people to grow their own food, thereby promoting healthier, more sociable and sustainable lives. The demand for allotments is measured by the current waiting lists for existing sites and the consultation of our Food Growing Strategy 2021.

PKC does not directly manage Allotment Sites on PKC owned land and dissolves the day-to-day activities, waiting list management and the collection of rents to allotment associations.

This is the fourth annual allotment report to be published by PKC and provides the most up to date information on allotment sites across Perth and Kinross since the third annual allotment report was published in 2024, report on figures from 2023/24.

Objective 1 of the FGS is "to continue to develop our understanding of the existing community growing provision in Perth and Kinross, including the demand for, and the barriers to food growing". This report delivers on action 4 under this objective "to produce an annual review of allotment provision and potential sites and size of waiting list in line with duties of the Act".

Item	Reporting Requirement
a	the location and size of each allotment site
b	the number of allotments on each allotment site
c	where the whole of an allotment site is leased from the authority by one person, the proportion of land on the allotment site that is not subleased from the tenant of the allotment site (i.e. percentage of allotments that are unoccupied on site).
d	where allotments on an allotment site are leased from the authority by more than one person, the proportion of land on the allotment site that is not leased from the authority
e	where an allotment site is leased by the local authority (i) the period of the lease of each allotment site, and (ii) the rent payable under the lease by the authority.
f	the period of any lease between the authority and the tenant of an allotment site

g	the rent payable under any lease between the authority and the tenant of an allotment site
h	the rent payable for each allotment in the area of the authority
i	how, in the opinion of the authority, such rents are decided by reference to the method of determining fair rent provided for in the regulations provided
j	the number of persons entered in the waiting list on the final day of the reporting year to which the report relates
k	the number of persons mentioned in paragraph (j) who, on the final day of the reporting year to which the report relates, have been entered in the list for a continuous period of more than 5 years
l	the steps taken by the authority to comply with the duty to ensure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the number of people on the council's waiting list is no more than half the total number of allotments owned and leased by the authority (ii) that nobody has remained on the waiting list for more than 5 years
m	reasons for any failure to comply with that duty
n	the number of allotments on each allotment site that are accessible by a disabled person
o	the number of allotments on each allotment site adjusted by the authority during the reporting year to meet the needs of a tenant who is a disabled person
p	the number of persons entered in the waiting list
q	the income received, and expenditure incurred, by the authority in connection with allotment sites; and
r	such other information as may be prescribed

2. Allotment Overview

To prepare this report, a survey was sent out to all allotment associations on sites owned or leased by PKC land as well as to allotment sites not on council owned land.

- We received responses from six allotment sites on Council owned land and two on privately owned land.

Definition

Allotments are defined in the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 as land:

- (a) Owned or leased by a local authority, and
- (b) Leased or intended for lease by a person from the authority, and
- (c) Used or intended for use-
 - I. Wholly or mainly for the cultivation of vegetables, fruit, herbs or flowers and
 - II. Otherwise than with a view to making a profit.

Site Information

There are currently 14 active allotment sites in Perth and Kinross. Across these sites Perth and Kinross has approximately:

- 7.5ha of land used for allotments
- 349 plots of various sizes (excluding 2 sites with no data)

Sites Leased by the Council

- Of the six allotment sites owned by PKC the council received £1,036 from collection the rents for the financial year 2024/2025.
- Regarding reporting requirements (d) and (e), the council does not currently let any plots directly to growers, nor does it lease any sites from private landowners for allotment provision.
- The table below provides further site- specific information. Please note all figures provided are from the financial year 2024/2025.

Address	Tenant	Rent per annum	Lease start date	Lease end Date	Occupancy	Expenditure incurred
St Margaret's Hospital, Auchterarder	Auchterarder Allotment Association (AAA)	£225	01/04/2015	31/03/2025	100%	Nil
44 – 46 Kinloch Terrace, Perth	Letham Climate Challenge (LCC)	£120	09/07/2015	30/03/2029	100%	Nil
Kingswell Terrace, Perth	Letham Climate Challenge (LCC)	£225	16/10/2012	15/10/2027	100%	Nil
Tulloch Bowling Green, Tulloch Terrace, Perth	North Perth Allotment Association (NPAA)	£225	23/05/2013	22/05/2028	100%	Nil
Moncreiffe Island, Perth	Perth Working Men's Garden Association (PWMGA)	£240	28/11/1994	Open ended on a year-to-year basis	100%	Nil
Glengarry Road, Perth (raised bed allotments)	South Perth Community Allotments (SPCA)	£1	2010	2025	100%	Nil

3. Demand for new sites

The demand for new sites has been recognised through the Food Growing Strategy 2021 consultation process and further engagement with communities with a recognised high demand.

- Coupar Angus was identified as an area with a high demand for allotments during the Food Growing strategy. A community consultation was carried out from the 14th October to 15th December 2024 with two drop-in sessions throughout. This consultation concluded that there is still a significant demand for an allotment site. Working with the Isla Gardeners, who run the existing community garden, work is carrying out to identify a suitable area of under-utilised green space. Several sites have been identified as being suitable with residential consultations being undertaken.
- Alyth Development Trust have addressed the demand for food allotments within the community and are taking forward an allotment site on privately owned land. PKC are keen to support the group where possible in the groups effort to start the allotment site.
- Pitlochry and Moulin was identified as an area with a high demand for an allotment site. Investigation was carried out to find a suitable site and a consultation was carried out to assess the demand from 2nd September to 3rd of November 2024. However, since the writing of the Food Growing strategy a community garden for food growing was created. The number of people partaking in the consultation was low and the conclusion was that the new Community Garden met the food growing demands, which were identified during the Food Growing strategy in 2021. However, if there is evidence that this demand still exists, PKC will take reasonable steps to address this demand.
- Crieff Community Council have approached PKC to use an area of under-utilised PKC owned land. Work is undergoing to assess if the area is suitable for an allotment site and community engagement will follow.
- North Muirton Community Group are developing an allotment site in North Muirton and are supported by PKC. Work is underway for the group to use the area.

Allotment Association	Allotment Location	Area (ha)	Number Plots	Annual Cost	Waiting List
Allotment Association of Crieff (2022/2023 data)	Unit 1, The Hosh, Crieff PH7 4JW	0.47	14 - Full plots 21 - Half plots	Full - £90 Half - £65 £5 membership fee	8 people 2 years
Auchterarder Allotment Association (2024/2025 data)	St Margaret's Hospital Field, Auchterarder PH3 1GB	0.45	22 plots – mix of full to ¼ plots 10 starter plots	Full - £65 Half - £45 Quarter- £25 Starter- £15	2 2-3 years
Comrie Community Growing (2024/2025 data)	Cultybraggan Camp, Comrie KY13 0NH	1.05	30 plots – mix of full and half plots	Full - £75 Half - £55	1 person
Craigclowan Community Garden (2022/2023 data)	The Walled Garden at Craigclowan Preparatory School, Edinburgh Road, PH2 8PS	0.2	2 – Full plots 8 - Half plots 3 – Small plots	£15- £20	None
Denmarkfield Allotments (2023/2024 data)	Denmarkfield Allotments, Luncarty, PH1 3EH	1.4	8 – Full plots 17 – Half plots 24 – Quarter plots	Full - £120 Half - £80 Quarter - £60	None

Dunkeld Allotment Association (No data)	Bridge Street, Dunkeld PH8 0AJ	0.13	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Ericht Allotment Association (2021/2022 data)	Bramblebank, Balmoral Road, Rattray PH10 7HY	0.18	16 - Full plots 1 - Half plots Plots come with 4m ² section in polytunnel.	Full - £20 Half – £10 £5 membership fee	15 people Approx. 18 months
Letham Climate Challenge Project (2024/2025 data)	Kingswell Terrace, Perth PH1 2BZ	0.1	13 – mix of full plots and half plots	Full - £56 Half - £35	10 people 18 months
Letham Climate Challenge Project (2024/2025 data)	44-46 Kinloch Terrace, Perth PH1 2HE	0.05	8 – mix of full plots and half plots	Full - £35 Half - £20	
Milnathort and Kinross Allotments Association (2022/2023 data)	A977 by Dobbie's Garden Centre, Kinross KY13 0NH	0.85	12 - Full plots 16 - Half plots 7 - Quarter plots 2 - Small plots	Full - £80 Half - £40 Quarter - £28 Small - £20 Starter plots – free	4 people 1+ years

Perth Working Men's Allotment Association (2024/2025 data)	Moncreiffe Island, Perth PH2 8NR	1.84	71 - Total plots	Full - £65 (£45 retired) Half - £35 (£25 retired) £20 refundable key deposit	33 people Between 2 – 3 years
North Perth Allotment Association (2024/2025 data)	Tulloch Road, Perth PH1 2PF	0.25	13 - Total plots 13 - Raised beds Plots come with 5.4 m ² section in polytunnel	Plots - £70 - £85 Raised beds - £25	1 1-2 years
Pitheavlis Garden Plots (2024/2025 data)	Dupplin Estate, Perth PH2 0PY	0.29	18 – Various sizes	£40- £60 depending on size	2 people <1 year
South Perth Community Allotments (2024/2025 data)	20/22 Glengarry Road, Perth PH2 0AQ	0.21	37 - Total plots 8 - Raised beds Plots come with a section in polytunnel.	Outdoor plots are £1.20 per m ² . Raised beds are £12.50 all in. Polytunnel spaces £6.00 all in.	2 people 1-2 years