

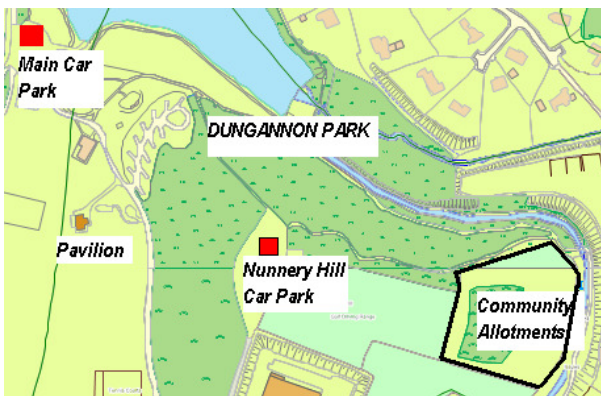
Expression of Interest for a Plot at Nunnery Hill Community Garden

Dungannon & South Tyrone Borough Council is currently setting up small scale community allotments at Nunnery Hill in Dungannon Park. The project received funding under the Dungannon & South Tyrone Landfill Tax Programme through Groundwork NI. During spring/ early summer 2011 work is going on to make the site better accessible and create basic facilities. It is hoped to make the first plots available later this summer.



The site will be developed to contain a number of plots for local groups/schools and individuals to grow fruit, flowers, herbs and vegetables. In addition to these there will be an open demonstration & training plot, a small orchard and a communal herb bed.

Through a partnership project with the Southern Health and Social Care Trust and Alliance Youth Works the existing native woodland on the site is currently being developed into a 'nature exploring area' to be used by local schools, park visitors, and allotment holders. A number of practical training events, focussing on growing local food and on nature conservation will be offered throughout the year.



LOCATION & ACCESS: The Community Allotments are located at the far end of Nunnery Hill within Dungannon Park. Allotment Holders will be able to use the upper car park at Nunnery Hill and walk across to the allotments site (approx. 200m). Direct vehicle access onto the allotments site will be permitted on request for disabled users, delivery of bulky materials etc once the planned access path and turning area has been completed.

A limited number of smaller, easy access – 'Community Group Plots' near the site entrance will be reserved for groups only. Most available plots are situated on a gentle slope at the back of the woodland and access to these requires a reasonable level of fitness. Public Toilets are provided in the Dungannon Park Pavilion.

The allotment site will be maintained as a full public amenity with open access for all. For security reasons the gates will be locked at park closing time.

How to apply? To put your name down for a plot at Nunnery Hill Community Garden please complete the enclosed form. In line with the nature of funding for this project, plots will be allocated firstly to local groups. Remaining plots will be available to individual users and be given out on a first-come, first-served basis. If the allotments are oversubscribed the Council reserves the right to allocate half/ quarter size plots only to accommodate as many users as possible. Once all available plots have been allocated a waiting list will be created.

How much does an allotment cost? Allotment plots come in a variety of sizes to suit different requirements. A full size individual plot for enthusiastic gardeners measures just over 100 sq. metres (approx. 9m x 12 m). Half size plots and community group plots are approximately 9m x 6m, which gives you a manageable parcel of land to produce a good range of vegetables all year round. And a small quarter size plot of 6 m x 4.50m might just be the right size to get you started!

The tenancy year starts on 1st April and ends on 31st March each year. The rent charged varies with the size of a plot, but even for a full size individual plot you will pay less than £1 per week. You can keep costs down by choosing a smaller plot or by joining a community group involved in the allotments project.

As the site is currently under development and prospective plot holders may not get the full benefit of this growing season Council has agreed that the rent payable for plots taken during this allotment year (**1 April 2011 - 31 March 2012**) will be at a **50% reduced** rate of

- **£25** for **full size individual plots** and
- **£15** for **community group plots** and **half/quarter size individual plots.**



From **1st April 2012** the full annual rate will be applied to all allotment plots i.e.

- **£50** for **full size individual plots** and
- **£30** for **community group plots** and **half/quarter size individual plots.**

Please Note: Allotments at Nunnery Hill Community Garden in Dungannon Park are only available to residents of Dungannon & South Tyrone Borough and local groups/community organisations/schools etc operating in the Dungannon & South Tyrone Borough area. Before completing the application form please read the ***Tenancy Agreement for Allotments & Community Gardens in Council Property.***



For further info please contact:

Agenda 21 unit, Dungannon & South Tyrone Borough Council, Circular Road, Dungannon, BT71 6DT, Tel 028 8772 0367, e-mail: environmental.health@dungannon.gov.uk

Nunnery Hill Community Garden Application Form

I wish to apply for an allotment plot at Nunnery Hill Community Garden.

I understand that the allotment site is currently under development and plots will be allocated as they become available.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____

Postcode: _____

Tel: _____

e-mail: _____

Please tick the plot size you would like to apply for:

Individual users:

- Full Size (approx. 12m x 9m) plot
- Half size (approx. 6m x 9m) plot
- Quarter size (approx. 6 x 4.50 m) plot
- Any Size Available

Community Group Plots (approx. 9m x 6m) - **Easy Access** options may be available, please tick if required

Please note: Community Group Plots are only open to constituted local community organisations operating within the Dungannon & South Tyrone Borough area.

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- If there are no available plots I wish to go on the waiting list.
 - I would prefer/ be happy to take a plot in the '**organic section**' of the allotments.

Have you or any person at your address previously had an allotment plot? _____
If yes, please state previous allotment site and date when plot there was given up:

Please return the completed form to Agenda 21 unit, Dungannon & South Tyrone Borough Council, Circular Road, Dungannon, BT71 6DT or FAX: 028 8772 0368
