

Northern Counties Allotments Association

Allotment Mapping

Announcing our latest module in our Allotment Assist Service

Do you have an accurate map of your plots? Are your tenants paying the correct rents? Do people grumble that they are being charged the same as someone else with oversize plots? Plot Creep – are you sure you know the boundaries of your plots?

We can help.....

Allotment Mapping Service

This module will provide you with a map of your allotment site. Each plot will be measured, recorded and given a size according to a tariff of 1 – 6. The tariff will be based on the square metres of each plot. You will also get a spreadsheet with calculations built in to calculate the rent, water and any other charges you make, giving you a total amount for each tenant. You can use this to create your invoices for each plot.

How does it work?

We will first visit your site to survey your plots. We will check how defined your plot boundaries are, is there sight or physical access to every plot, the uniformity of plots and the total size of your site. We should then be able to provide you with a quote for the service.

We will then prepare a set of Google maps for you to mark on the plot boundaries, only you know where one plot begins and another ends. We would ask you to confer with your plot holders to ensure the boundaries are agreed.

Once we have the initial map agreed we will measure each plot using GPS coordinates. We will then match the 'paper' sizes with an actual measurement. We don't measure each plot; we take a sample to ensure we are within 10% of the whole. This is done with a distance meter. We can get to centimetre accuracy in clear sight.

We will then provide you with a plots layout for you to approve, each plot will be given a tariff of 1 to 6 on which you can base your rents. We use a plot size of 250 square metres as a basis for the tariff sizes. Once approved you will receive an A1 size paper map and as many A2 – A4 laminated maps as required.

Plots Spreadsheet

During the process of mapping we prepare an Excel spreadsheet of all the plots and sizes. These are some of the details we hold:

Plot Size, Plot Type – Garage, Poultry, Pigeons etc., Tariff, Charges – Rent, Water, Insurances etc., Tenants' names, Risks, Co-Workers etc.

One item that we have added is the ability to consolidate all the plot rents and charges for each tenant, a feature asked by many of our existing clients. This can help you produce a single invoice with all the rents and charges for each tenant.

Pricing: Allotment Mapping Service

Service	One off	Notes
Allotment Mapping Service	£30.00	Initial survey of your site
Maps, Spreadsheets etc	tba	We will quote you for a price after the initial survey. This will vary on the number of plots, access to plots, non-uniformity of plots etc.
Presentation to committee/council	Free	
Expenses – in some cases we may charge for mileage etc.	tba	We will discuss this with you before commencing any work.
Maps	tba	Based on how many and the sizes you require.
Training on spreadsheet	£10	Up to 5 people
	Annual	
Update of spreadsheets, maps etc.	£20 per site	Covers changes to plot boundaries, method of invoicing, small changes etc.

So how much will it cost in total?

Based on completed mappings so far, a site with 50 plots costs around £125, with 200 plots around £350. Costs will vary based on the uniformity of plots and access to plots, particularly plots accessed from another plot. Actual map costs are dependent on your requirements but for one large map and six smaller laminated maps is about £40.

The trend is an increase in rents income from a quality map of your site, the above costs can probably be recouped in the first year!

Security and Data Protection arrangements.

All your data is held on a secure server which is backed-up every night. We comply with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) so your data is safe with us. Should you not wish to continue with our service we will supply you with all the files and documents we hold within 14 days of request and erase all copies on our servers. It will be your duty to preserve any copies in line with legislative requirements. Specifically, for the Mapping Service, we only need a member number and name, no other personal details are required.