

NEW PLOT

When taking on a new plot, these are some of the lessons learned,

Check rules and regulations for site

Don't look at it as a mess, look at what you can do with it.

Ask about rent reduction or rent free for a period in order to sort it out.

Do a little at a time, do not sicken yourself.

Do not worry about looks.

Pile up your spoil and brushwood; you can sort/compost it later.

Have frequent breaks within a long task.

Do a bit of one job then change/leave it and do something else for a while.

If your site is overgrown do not be disheartened as you there is no hurry in nature.

Remove or treat weeds.

Weed kill large area's not being worked.

Cover ground not being worked.

Perennial weeds can be soaked in water for 3 months to waterlog then compost.

If you dig a trench, put vegetable waste in the bottom to rot over time.

If you can have fires then spread the ash on the soil or bury it.

Keep rubble for paths.

Save water.

Your rubbish heap will become your compost heap when planning is done.

Remove broken glass to the tip or bury 2 shovels deep.

Always take time regular out for coffee and chat.

Work together, get the family involved, and treat land clearance as outdoor sport.

Worms are your very own workers.

Feed the wildlife around you and they will assist with bug clearance.

Robins may follow you around.

Fellow Allotmentiers will help you with tools, land work and knowledge.

HELPFUL STUFF

www.growfruitandveg.com {gardener's world website} the forum on this site is very good, where you can browse all kinds of trials, tribulations, advice, successes and failures.

Garden News magazine.

Beachgrove Garden television show. Set in Scotland.

Gardener's world television show.

Remember...Gardeners never fail, they learn.