



## Are Allotments really a subsidised service?

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**When you consider the wider benefits it turns out that allotments save the city a minimum of **£385,000!** every year. ..and thats before the plot holders even pay the rent!**

**Allotments benefit both the plot holders and the wider community in many more ways than just producing locally grown food!**







**Allotments are  
some of the  
most  
Biodiverse  
areas of the  
City and often  
provide vital  
green  
corridors for  
wildlife.**



**The soil on Brighton &  
Hove's Allotments  
stores 578 more  
tonnes of carbon than  
grassland (helping  
combat climate  
change) this has a  
value of over  
£500,000.**



**Allotments  
support up to 54  
times more bees  
than other  
council land.  
They improve  
physical and  
mental health  
meaning lower  
healthcare costs.**







**If access to an allotment prevented just *one* plot holder from suffering severe loneliness that would reduce the financial impact to the city by £9,900 a year**



**Zero packaging on allotment grown food means 17 tonnes less plastic waste to process**

**The council does not include the value of these and other benefits when they finance allotments. They do a simple calculation of how much rent comes in vs how much they cost to run.**

**BHAF commissioned a report based on hard data to put a value on some benefits of allotments**



# MINIMUM SAVINGS TO BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL per allotment plot



1

CARBON £111

HEALTH £14

2

3

ECOLOGY £35

WASTE £6

4



This figure does not  
include the rent

**£166** MINIMUM  
SAVINGS  
per plot per year



Food grown on the city's allotments reduces the city's food related carbon footprint by 1050 tonnes at a financial value of **£257,234**

divided by 2311 plots = £111 per plot



Reduction in healthcare costs due to reduced stress, depression, loneliness and BMI of plot holders of **£32,132**

divided by 2311 plots = £14 per plot



The *minimum* biodiversity value of the allotments, plus their carbon storage and flood prevention value is **£81,835**

divided by 2311 plots = £35 per plot



Saving the Council from having to process 17 tonnes of packaging and 62 tonnes of foodwaste at a cost of **£14,500**

divided by 2311 plots = £6 per plot





**In *addition* to the savings of **£385,000** which allotments bring to the city, they also bring in **£130,000** in rent and potentially provide locally grown food worth an estimated **£1.12million****



**Allotments in fact subsidise other internal council departments and external agencies and contribute to many of the Council's corporate objectives.  
Allotments save us all money**



**Allotments are good for you, your community, the environment and council finances!**

**These figures relate to Brighton & Hove but the same methodology will apply to your Council too  
Read the full report at [bhaf.org.uk](http://bhaf.org.uk)**

