

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!

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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 commisioned 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



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

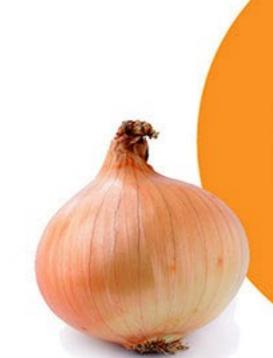
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divided by 2311 plots = £14 per plot



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



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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

