

# Lavenham Riverside Allotments update 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

1. First 25 beds now spoken for. Invoices for fees to be dispatched this week 5 January 2026. Bank Account details will be included in the invoices. Tenancy agreements for plots to be signed.  
**No Pay. No Play**

All beds will be staked out for identification prior to accepting applications for beds 26 to 40. Volunteers needed to paint small identity numbers on wooden shingles.

Scaffold boards will be installed alongside each bed to mark them out.



*Figure 1: Space for beds 26 to 40*

2 Installation of electricity and water will proceed during Spring 2026. Electrical installation will be certified as compliant with IET Eighteenth Edition wiring regulations.

3 As we are doing No Dig Allotments a massive effort to collect leftover Cardboard from Xmas and New Year will be undertaken. Collection details to follow

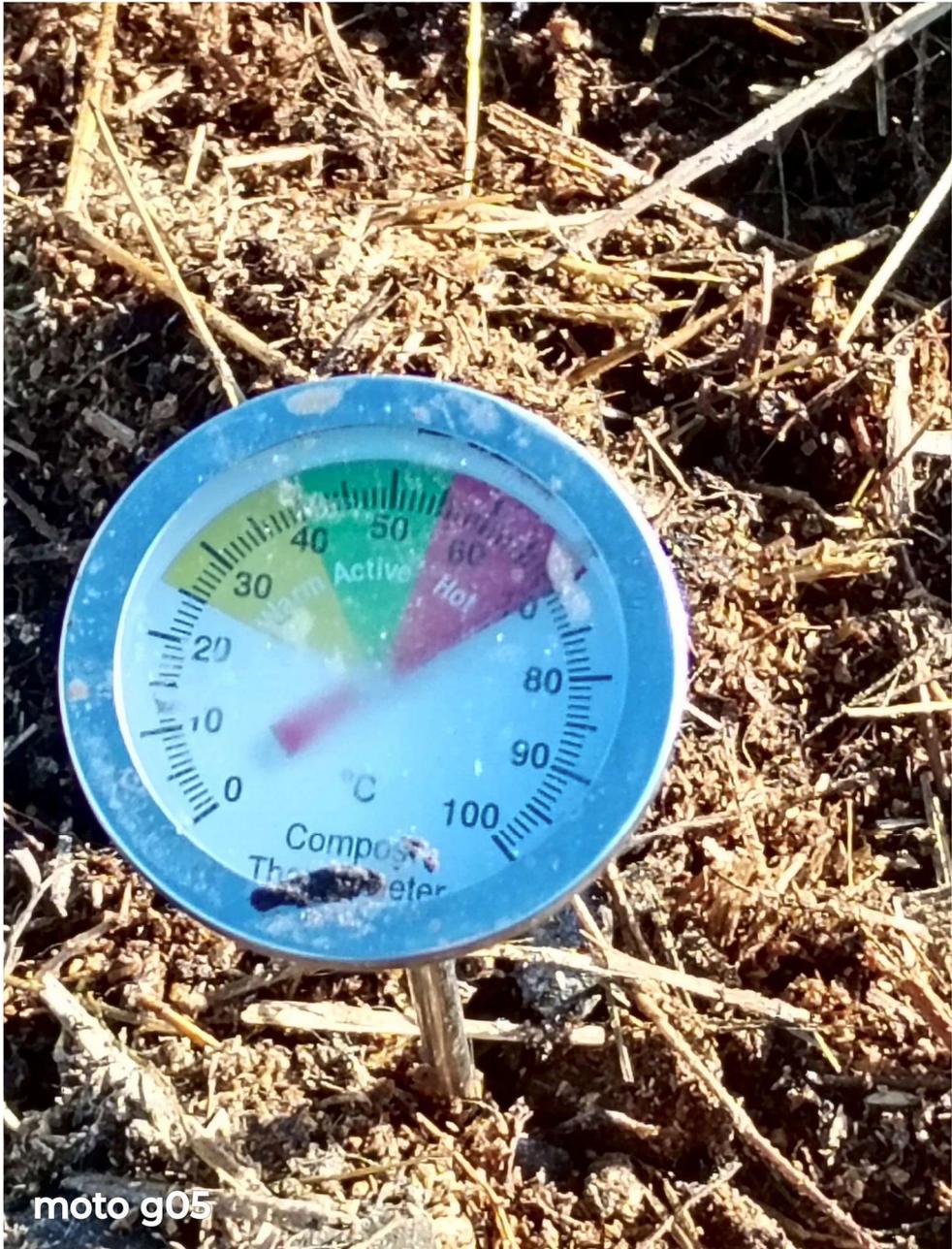
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Figure 2: No Dig stage 1

4 Five tonnes of Alpaca poo have already been delivered. As long as supply lasts one bag of poo will be delivered to each bed once staked out. The compost thermometer shows temperatures within Alpaca poo piles at up to 70 degrees Centigrade. We plan to take delivery of ten tonnes of poo annually

5 Two tonnes of Horse poo have already been delivered from the stables to be allowed to rot until November. This will avoid the need to buy any compost next year





*Figure 3: Space for foundations for Raised Compost Bins*

6 We will construct a set of raised compost bins (above any possible flood level) the design will be capable of supporting up to 30 tonnes of Compost and be structurally sound

7 The soil piles turn out to be good soil, full of worms. These can be distributed as required. Help yourselves. The Beast can be used to clean the soil of rocks and weeds.



Figure 4: The Beast

8 An enclosure for leaf mould will be installed as a home for next autumn's fall.



9 Installation of Lights, Fences and Cameras will take place during Spring 2026

10 A shelter from rain and wind will be constructed to provide refuge from rainstorms.

11 Installation of Beehives on the allotment apiary will take place during Spring 2026. Income from sale of Honey and bee products will be contributed to allotment funds

A wildflower bed is already allocated to provide fodder for the bees.

12 Crocus bulbs have already been planted to herald the arrival of spring. A Fairy Ring has been planted alongside the herb beds.

13 Seed catalogues may be obtained for Spring planting from King's seeds

<https://kingsseeds.com/?srsltid=AfmBOoqwegywUpkD6RZFh4pmkKK75ZLWIhyf1opi3cPeLA65BafNb51b>

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