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Dear Allotment holder

Further to my letter to you in early April, I write to invite you to some forthcoming events in June.

The Newcastle Parks and Allotment Trust is holding two consultation sessions so that the team and trustees can meet with local volunteers, friends group members and allotment holders.

We are really keen for you attend as we would like to share the first draft of the organisation's strategic plan. The plan has, to date, had input from staff, trustees and other stakeholders, but we'd now like to get your thoughts and to seek your views to further shape the plan going forward. In addition to presenting our plans, we're keen to ensure time is provided for you to ask questions of our team and provide feedback, which will be very valuable to us. This is just the first of several consultation sessions we have planned to seek input to our future plans, and to help build close relationships with all of our stakeholders and partners.

There will be two sessions:

**Wednesday 5 June, 6 – 7.30** – Jesmond Dene Visitor Centre, Red Walk, Jesmond Dene, NE7 7BQ (parking available on Red Walk in marked bays, charges up to 6.30pm, 50p per hour, accessible parking in front of the Visitor Centre)

**Wednesday 26 June 6 – 7.30** – West End Women and Girls, Elswick Road Newcastle, NE4 6SQ

Light refreshments will be provided.

If you are able to attend, please could you reply to [events@newcastleparksandallotments.org.uk](mailto:events@newcastleparksandallotments.org.uk) by Monday 3 June with your name, which session you will be attending and which park/allotment you are involved with.

We will be writing to you again in due course to keep you informed of our future programme of consultation and engagement sessions.

Thank you for all the work you do and time you commit for the benefit of our parks and allotments. Quite simply, without you none of the things we hope to achieve will be possible. So I'm delighted to have this opportunity to meet with you and hope you'll be able to join us.



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