

## **POOR'S ALLOTMENTS CHARITY**

Situated adjacent to the B4228 Coleford Road, Poor's Allotments is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). The beautiful site is managed on behalf of the Poor's Allotments Charity by Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust (GWT). Since 2015 GWT, in conjunction with Natural England and with the help of local volunteers, has been working to return this rare example of heathland to its original condition.

Such has been the success of this that the Trustees of Poor's Allotments and GWT won an award in 2024 from CPRE Gloucestershire (The Countryside Charity) for providing a model for delivering successful heathland recovery on a significant scale, and for opening up the area for both volunteer involvement and public enjoyment.

In 2015 a Bio Blitz on Poor's Allotments and The Park on Tidenham Chase identified over 600 different species of flora and fauna, from the smallest fungus to the largest mammal, the deer. As part of the natural management of the Allotments, highland cattle and ponies may often be seen during walks on the stunning peaceful site.

The main income for Poor's Allotments comes from Natural England in the form of a grant and from the rental income from adjoining lands owned by the Charity. Some of the income is used to maintain the site, but any surplus is used for the relief of need in the Parish of Tidenham in the form of grants awarded by the Trustees.

If you, or anyone you know, is in need of help, or you wish to know more about the Charity or its Grant Scheme, please contact the Honorary Secretary, Clerk to the Parish Council. 07356052752  
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