



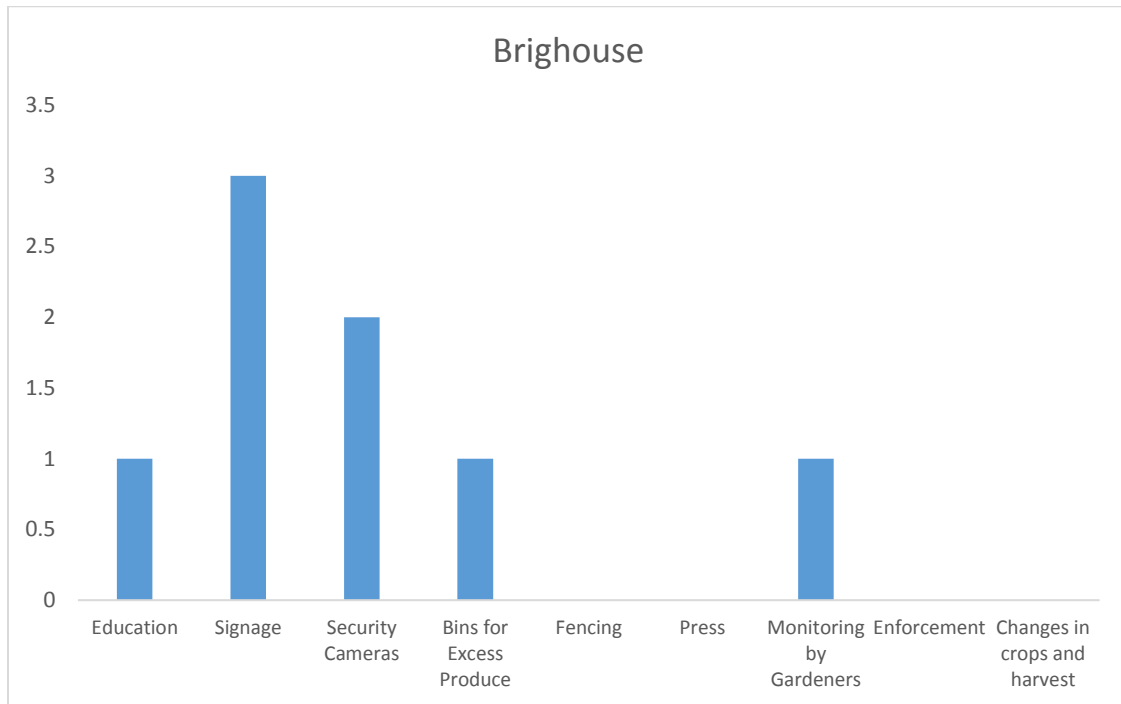
**Don't Pocket the Potatoes
Community Survey Results Summary**

The Don't Pocket the Potatoes Community Survey was distributed to all community gardeners, and received 148 responses. Below is a table summarizing the recommendations of the survey respondents on potential options for reducing theft, vandalism, and damages to gardens. On average across all gardens, the most common suggestions were increased education, better signage, and fencing around gardens. The table below summarizes the results from each garden, as well as the average results across gardens. Below each garden name in brackets is the number of responses from gardens at that particular garden.

	BRIGHOUSE (7)	GARRATT WELLNESS CENTRE (10)	GENERAL CURRIE (8)	GILBERT ROAD (23)	KING GEORGE (13)	PAULIK PARK (9)	RAILWAY (36)	RICHMOND HIGH (7)	TERRA NOVA (35)	ALL GARDENS (148)
EDUCATION	14.29%	30.00%	37.50%	65.22%	38.46%	22.22%	55.56%	28.57%	28.57%	35.60%
SIGNAGE	42.86%	40.00%	50.00%	13.04%	0.00%	33.33%	5.56%	42.86%	48.57%	30.69%
SECURITY CAMERAS	28.57%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	5.56%	0.00%	5.71%	4.43%
BINS FOR EXCESS PRODUCE	14.29%	0.00%	0.00%	43.48%	7.69%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	7.27%
FENCING	0.00%	40.00%	50.00%	8.70%	23.08%	55.56%	27.78%	28.57%	8.57%	26.92%
PRESS	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	31.43%	3.49%
MONITORING BY GARDENERS	14.29%	0.00%	0.00%	30.43%	7.69%	0.00%	5.56%	0.00%	5.71%	7.08%
ENFORCEMENT	0.00%	10.00%	12.50%	4.35%	7.69%	0.00%	5.56%	0.00%	0.00%	4.46%
CHANGES IN CROPS AND HARVEST	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	2.78%	0.00%	0.00%	1.54%

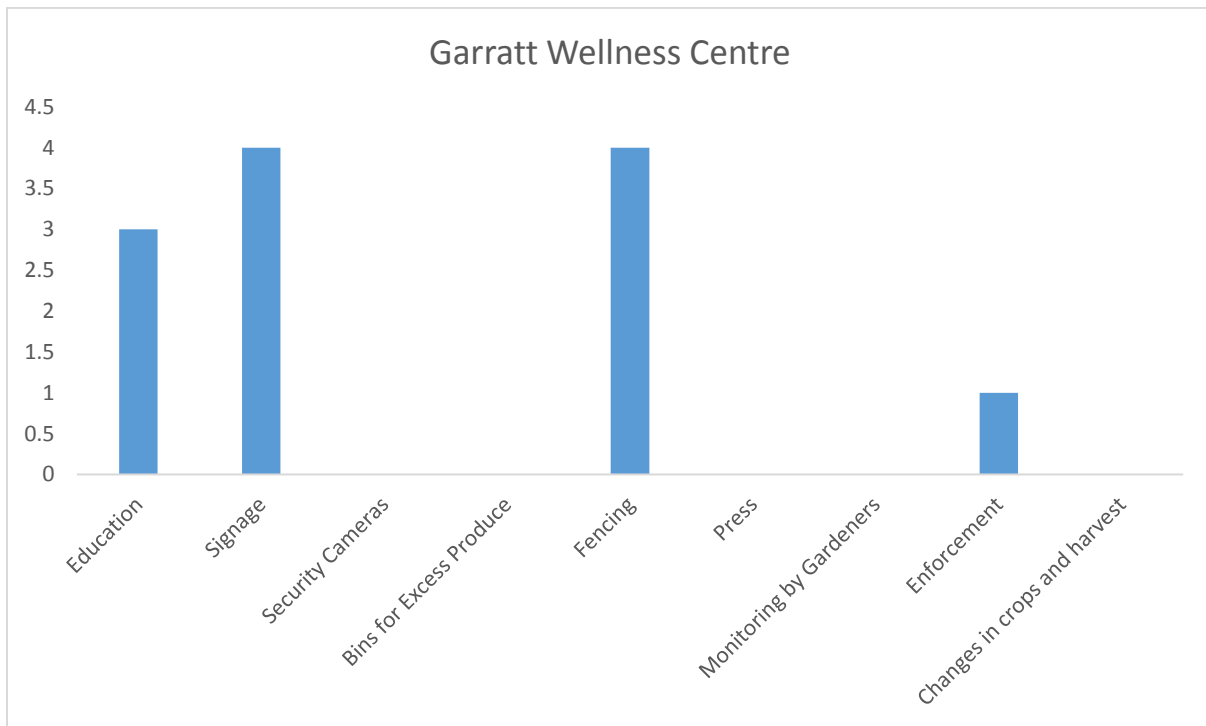
Brighouse Garden

There were 7 responses from gardeners at Brighouse. The most common solutions provided at Brighouse were signage and education. As one respondent said, “people don't understand the concept of the community garden, perhaps a sign about what the gardens are, what the society is and how people can join.” This idea was shared by other gardeners – there is a need for clear, multilingual signage explaining the purpose of the gardens, and who the produce belongs to. Another recommendation was to have a rotating community watch during harvest, and a final recommendation was to have a donation bin to give away extra food to those who need it.



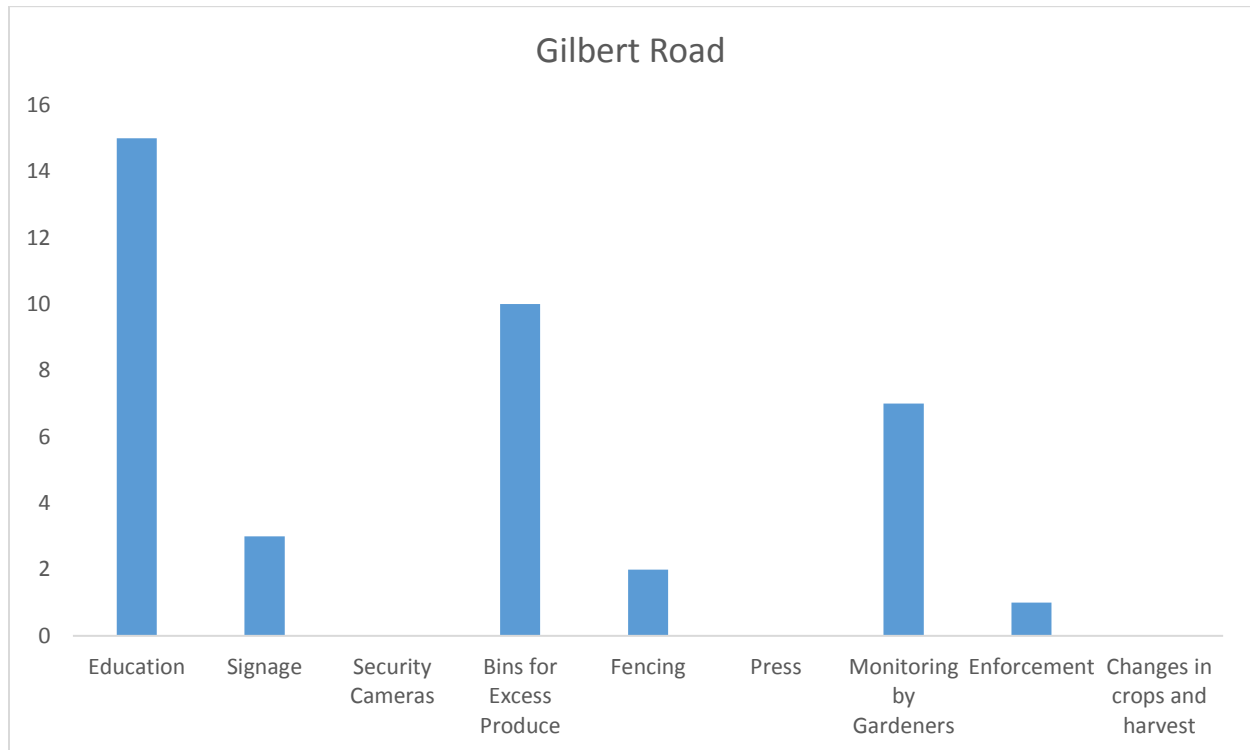
Garratt Wellness Centre

There were responses from 10 gardeners at the Garratt Wellness Centre. The most common solutions provided at Garratt Wellness Centre were signage, fencing, and education. Fencing would be particularly useful at this garden, as the field next to the garden is often used as an off-leash area by dog owners. It was also said that there is a desire for clear, multi-lingual signage explaining what the garden is, and who the produce is for. Clear signage like this would help to educate the public about the gardens purpose, and likely reduce theft. Once gardener also recommended a community basket to share excess food with the community.



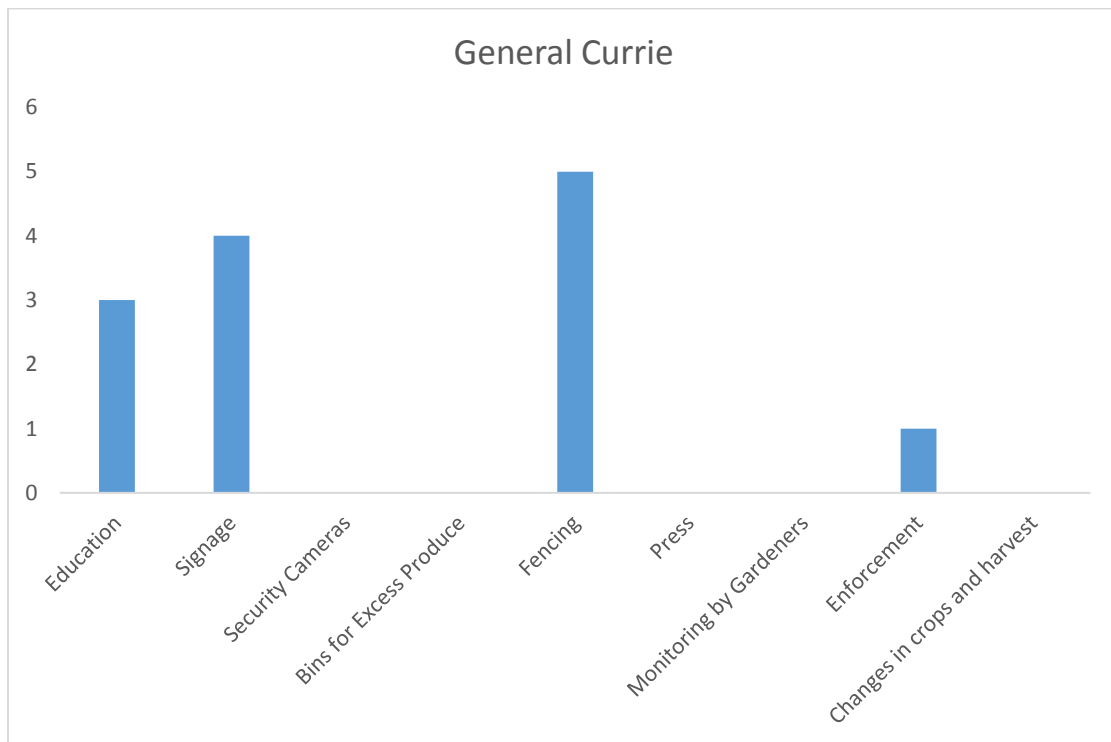
Gilbert Road

There were responses from 23 Gilbert Road Gardeners. The most common solutions provided by these gardeners were education (with over half the gardens recommending improved education), bins to share extra produce with the community, and improved monitoring by gardeners. Education would be achieved through signs with stern language, explaining that produce belongs to the gardeners, not to the public, and that there are consequences for stealing. It was also recommended that the signage be multilingual, and placed at multiple locations throughout the garden.



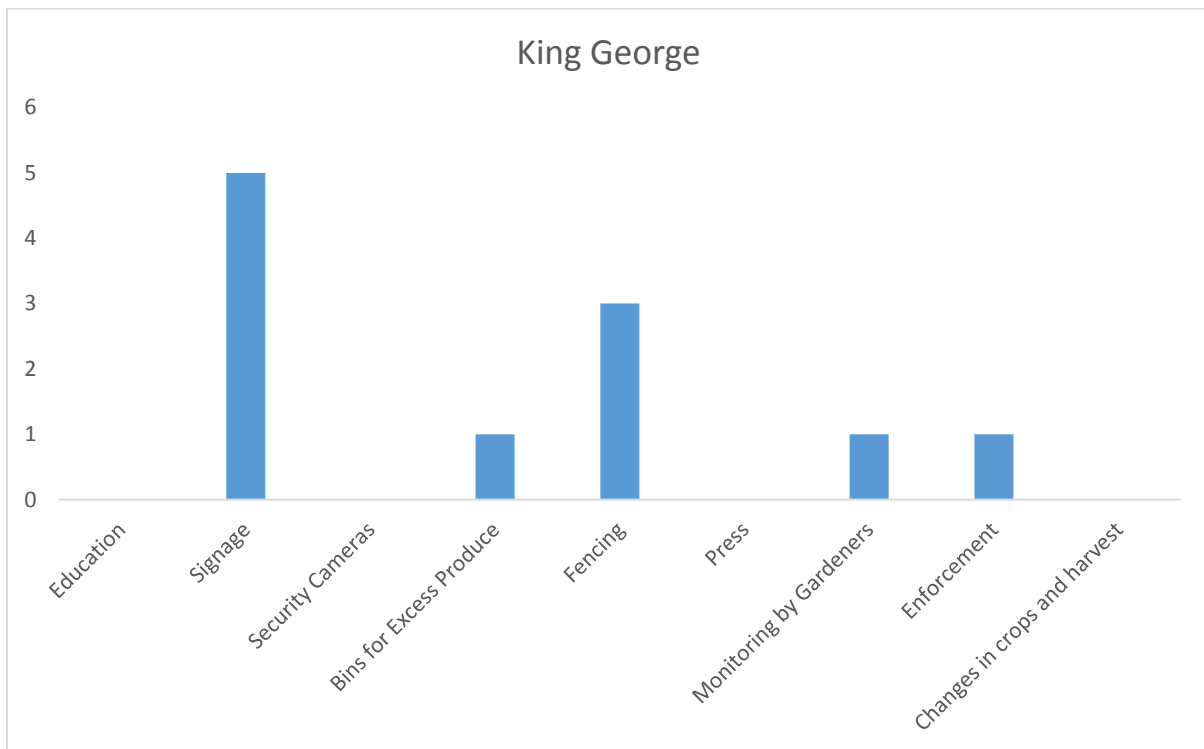
General Currie

There were 8 responses from 8 gardeners at General Currie. The majority of gardeners recommended fencing as a way to deter theft at General Currie. The other commonly recommended solutions were signage, that is multilingual and sternly worded, making it clear who the produce belongs to, and that theft is against the law. Others recommended education, both through signage, and through engaging with people who are visiting the gardens, and explaining to them what the purpose is.



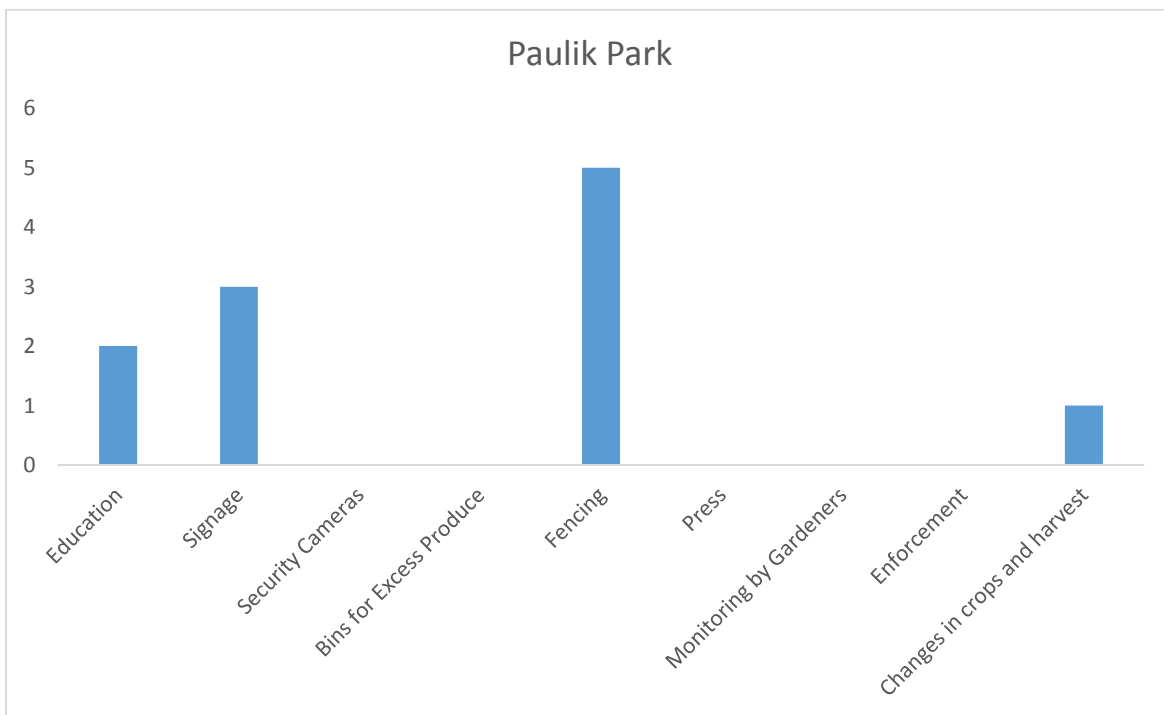
King George

There were responses from 13 gardeners at King George. The majority of gardeners at King George felt that clear signage would be the best solution to theft at the garden. Signage would need to be multilingual, and clearly explain the purpose of the gardens, and who the produce belongs to. Some gardeners felt that fencing would be useful, as long as there was gates as well to deter people from entering the gardens. Some gardeners also felt that increased monitoring and enforcement would be helpful.



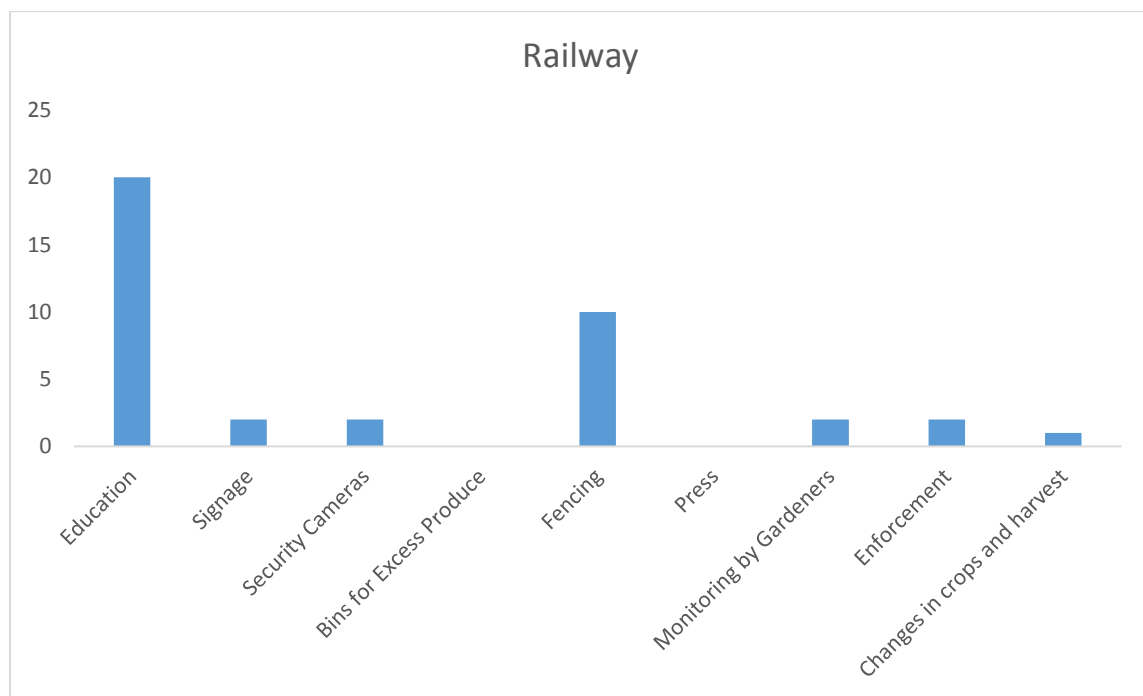
Paulik Park

There were 8 responses from gardeners at Paulik Park. Gardeners felt strongly about the need for a fence, to deter both humans and animals from entering the garden. Outside the fence, it was recommended that there is clear, large signage explaining who has the right to use the garden, and who the produce is for. The purpose of the signage would be to educate the public about the garden.



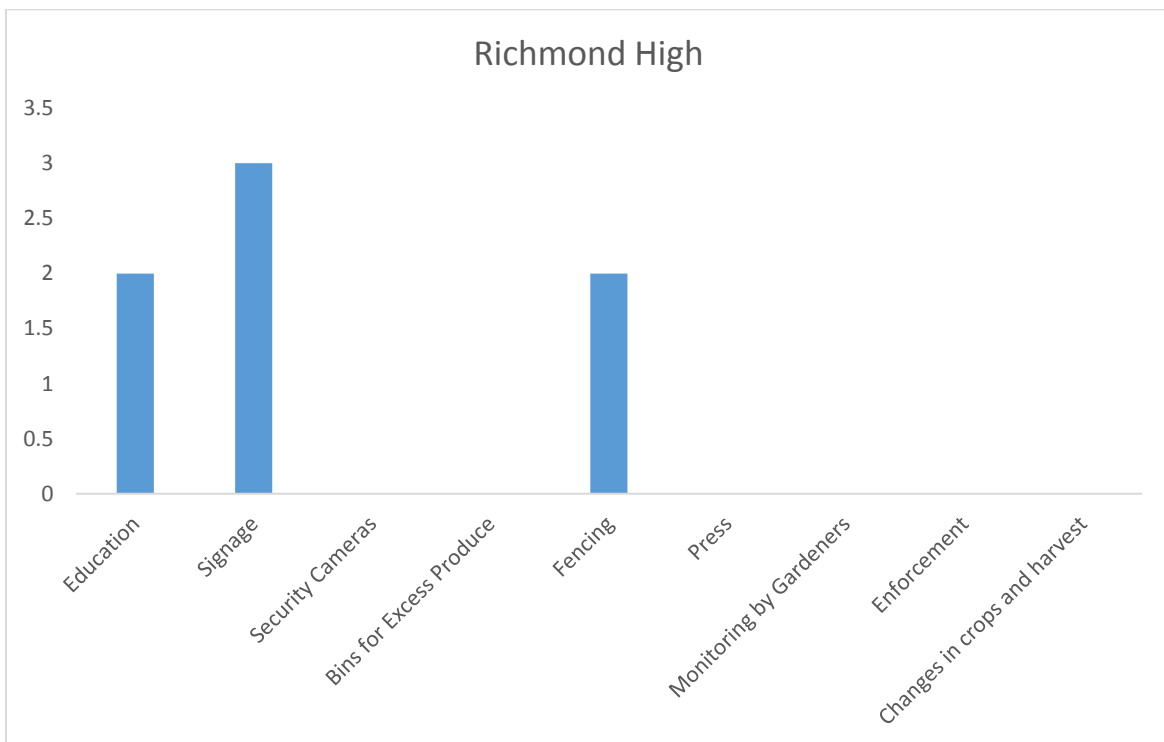
Railway

There were responses from 34 gardeners at Railway. Most gardeners recommended a combination of education and signage, to inform the gardeners of the purpose of the gardens. It was recommended that there be signage at both entrances to the garden, since currently there is only signage on the road side, whereas on the other side of the garden there is a pathway with a lot of foot traffic, but no signs. Signage should also be multilingual. Some gardeners recommended changing the name of the garden from “community garden” to “allotment garden” to avoid confusion about the purpose of the plots. Fencing was also recommended as a potential solution. A few respondents suggested that increased monitoring by gardeners, and enforcement by RCMP would be useful.



Richmond High

There were responses from 6 gardeners at Richmond High. About half of these gardeners suggested improved signage as the best solution, that is multilingual and clearly states what the gardens are and who the produce is for. This would help to educate the public. Others recommended fencing, specifically with anchors for netting, as some gardeners already have netting over their plots and this seems to help.



Terra Nova

There were responses from 35 gardeners at Terra Nova. The top suggestion from these gardeners was improved signage, with firmer language than the current signs, explaining the consequences of removing produce from the gardens, in multiple languages, this would help with education. It was also stated that if there are still tours of the site happening, it is important that the tourists are informed of the gardens purpose to prevent theft. Several gardeners also suggested that more press coverage about the issue would be useful. Some gardeners felt strongly that fencing was the best solution, and others recommended that increased monitoring by the gardeners would be helpful.

