

ALLOTMENT STRUCTURES

Guidance and specifications for the construction of structures on allotment plots



No building or structure such as polytunnels, fruit cages, greenhouses, fences or sheds may be erected until an application has been made to the Society Committee and written permission has been granted.

If the structure fails to conform to the specifications the plotholder may be required to effect alterations, or remove the structure, entirely at the plotholder's own expense.

Any structure erected which is found upon inspection to be unsatisfactory or unsightly will be required to be removed with no liability whatsoever to the Society.

Maximum dimensions

Structure	Sq feet	Example Sizes			Sq Metres	Example Sizes		
		Length Feet	Width Feet	Height Feet*		Length Metres	Width Metres	Height Metres*
Shed	80	10ft	8ft	8ft 6"	7.5m	3m	2.4m	2.6m
Greenhouse	80	10ft	8ft	8ft 6"	7.5m	3m	2.4m	2.6m
Polytunnel	300	30ft	10ft	8ft 6"	27m	9m	3m	2.6m
Fences				4ft 11"				1.5m
Fruit Cages				8ft 6"				2.6m

*height to include any base and to be measured from the original ground level

Bases - may be timber, slabs or blocks and must not exceed the dimensions of the structure – concrete is not permitted.

Fences - Fencing and windbreaks may be erected around plots with the prior written approval of the Committee, height not to exceed one and a half meters. The use of barbed wire, razor wire or similar on the allotment is prohibited. Fences must not obstruct the use of paths. Any posts less than 50mm must be capped.

Structures - all structures must be constructed of new or perfectly sound materials, sheds principally of timber. The use of the following materials is specifically prohibited: Bricks or blocks, Asbestos, Hardboard, Sheet metal or Corrugated iron. Adequate provision should be made for the collection and disposal of rainwater from the roof of any structure where possible.

Plotholders may only store tools, materials and other items which are directly related to the use of the allotment plot. The final decision as to what is appropriate lies with the Committee.

The position of any structure excluding fences and fruit cages must be located in such a way that any shadow is cast principally on your own plot. The structure should be set back at least two feet from the edge of any path marking the boundary with adjacent allotment gardens, and at least two feet from the boundary of the site.

Plotholder's should be aware that any structures and their contents are not covered against theft or damage under the Society's insurance policy for the site. The security of each structure is therefore entirely the plotholder's responsibility. Security should be enhanced at the time of construction, however, by:

- fitting a strong lock to a door and having a door frame of stout construction
- providing suitable anchoring
- fixing wooden or wire trellis to the walls of a shed, to support a blackberry, or a climbing rose, or other plants which will make the shed visually more attractive and simultaneously prevent it from being toppled by high winds or vandals.

You will need to complete a separate structure application form for each structure.