

REVISED PLOT HOLDERS RULES

2015

USAGE

Allotment plots must be used wholly for regular cultivation for the Member's own use. The plot holder must not carry out any business or sell produce from it without the permission of the committee.

Any plot holder who does not cultivate their plot and keep it free of weeds will be liable to have their tenancy agreement revoked.

Plot holders may not use their allotment as a place of residence and/or sleep overnight and should not erect any notice or advertisement on the allotment plot.

Plot holders are prohibited from entering other people's plots without their prior permission.

Only materials for use on the plot may be stored on the plot

Plot holders may not sub-let their plot or pass the tenancy on to anyone else, and must notify the committee in writing of any intention to give up the allotment. All allotment plots will be let in accordance with the Allotment Letting Policy.

Plot holders should not cut or prune any boundary trees without permission from the Committee.

Plot holders may not remove any mineral, sand, gravel or soil from the allotments.

CULTIVATION

The committee's definition of cultivation is the regular production of produce.

The allotments shall be kept free from weeds and maintained in a proper state of cultivation and fertility, and any adjoining pathway shall be kept cut and free from weeds.

The plot must be in the opinion of the committee in regular use and have seventyfive percentage of the allotment in use for cultivation within the first twelve months tenancy agreement and there after.

Trees must be managed so as not to adversely affect the use of neighbouring allotments. Plot holders must not, without consent, cut or prune trees outside their own allotment; plant any trees which will exceed a height of 2.6 metres or allow self-seeded trees to grow on their allotment.

Plot holders may not cultivate genetically modified crops or grow illegal plants.

All bushes, trees canes, plants etc. must be contained within the allotment

NUISANCE

Plot holders must not cause undue nuisance or annoyance to any other plot holder or to the occupants of any premises adjoining the allotment site.

INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR

Consideration should be shown to other Members at all times. Inappropriate behaviour may result in a written warning, and or notice to quit without refund.

If any plot-holder has occasion to complain about the behaviour of any other plot-holder, the complaint should be made in accordance with the Society's complaint policy.

PATHS

Paths should not be obstructed at any time. Keep grass paths trimmed so that the route is obvious and a clear passage paths must be maintained at all times.

Plot holders are responsible for maintaining paths bordering plots in good order, healthy growth and free from obstruction

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ADMITTANCE

The committee reserve the right to refuse admittance to any person unless accompanied by the plot holder or a member of WAAGS. The plot holder is at all times responsible for anyone that he or she invites onto the allotment. All children under 16 years of age must be accompanied by, and under the control of, a responsible adult at all times

THEFT & DAMAGE

The Society takes a serious view regarding stealing or causing damage to plots. Any person found guilty of such an offence will suffer immediate termination of tenancy without the right of appeal. No compensation will be paid. This will not preclude in any way prosecution in the Law Courts should the Society and the offended plot holder wish to do so.

BUILDINGS

Plot holders may erect sheds fences greenhouses and poly tunnel on the allotment plot as long as they comply with construction and size contained within the rules and in good repair. At the end of tenancy any structure's being removed or disposed of from site by the plot holder and at the plot holder's own expense.

The plot holder shall be responsible for any structure placed on the plot and any contents. The plot holder's are advised to mark any items kept at the allotment. Plot holders should report incidents of theft and vandalism to the committee and the police.

Fencing and windbreaks may be erected around plots 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

SITE ACCESS

The road leading to the site and the site entrance must be kept clear at all times.

In the interest of safety a speed limit of 5mph to be observed at all times on site strictly no overnight parking.

The Society does not take responsibility or liability for any vehicles on the site.

GATES & SECURITY

Gates should be shut after use and locked by the last plot holder to leave the allotment site.

Plot holders will be issued with a combination number for the padlocks on the allotment site.

The Society cannot be held responsible for any vandalism, damage or loss.

WASTE & RUBBISH

Dumping of any materials on the site is strictly prohibited.

No rubbish waste or unwanted material from plots may be left or dumped anywhere on the allotments site.

Plot holders should remove any non-biodegradable rubbish such from the site and disposed of appropriately.

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PAYMENT OF RENT AND TERMINATION DUE TO NONPAYMENT

Allotments are leased annually from the first day of October failure to pay your tenancy by the 31st October be fined £10 and if not paid by the 14th November will have their lease terminated. (passed at AGM 2015)

All plot rents are payable in advance either in full or by half yearly instalments by arrangement.

NOTICE TO QUIT

A member may voluntarily relinquish their allotment at any time, or have their tenancy terminated for breach of the tenancy agreement before year end but no rebate will be payable.

All members have 14 days to remove the buildings plants and produce from the plot before a new plot-holder takes over:

The Plot holder must make arrangements for disposal of sheds, greenhouses, tools and crops within 14 days of the termination of the Tenancy Agreement between the Society and the plot holder whether by resignation or by termination for breach of the tenancy or any rules.

If the items are not so removed, the Society may dispose of them.

Under the 1950 Allotments Act the Committee may seek compensation from a plot holder who upon the termination leaves a plot in a worse condition than when the tenancy started. This will cover the cost of any reinstatement required.

INSPECTION and DISCIPLINE

Any authorised officer or representative of the Council is entitled to inspect any part of the allotment site.

Inspection of allotment plots, accommodation ways, pathways, perimeter fences and site environs will be carried out regularly by the committee's representative Where remedial action is required concerning a Plot, A length of time will be given to the plot holder to clean their plot before the next inspection. if not: Fourteen days notice will be given to vacate their plot. if the plot holder has passed the inspection, then re-offends, they will be asked to leave within fourteen days. (passed unanimously AGM 2015)

The committee will take extenuating circumstances into account before such a notice is issued. Any extenuating circumstances must be notified to the committee as soon as they occur.

Any Member given a notice to quit their Allotment Plot may lodge an appeal provided it is submitted within fourteen days of the date of the Notice to Quit and the reason for the appeal given in writing at the time of submission. On receipt of an appeal the secretary will organise a special committee meeting at which the appeal will be heard and resolved, the applicant must attend the appeal or send a representative. During the period between requesting an appeal and the hearing date the appellant shall not enter the site unless by prior agreement of the Society committee members.

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WATER

Water is available on site, and will be switched on during April to October; the water is not suitable for drinking and is for plot use only. Hoses can be used to fill water butts. Anyone using a hose to water the plot will have their lease terminated and will be given 14 days to clear their plot. No appeal will be allowed for this. Plot holders are encouraged to collect their own water. All water containers must be above ground and kept covered.

GENERAL

The use of synthetic, rubber backed carpet or underlay as a weed suppressant is forbidden.

Plot holders changing their address or phone number please immediately notify the Membership Secretary in writing.

The use of airguns, shotguns, or any other kind of weapon on the allotment site is strictly forbidden, except where prior arrangement has been made with the committee.

COMMUNAL AREAS

All Plot holders are jointly responsible for the general maintenance of hedges, ditches, main pathways and other communal areas and features of the allotment site.

If maintenance is not carried out, the Committee may carry out the maintenance and recover the costs incurred from Plot holders.

CHEMICALS

Chemicals must be stored in their original, labelled containers and used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and current legislation.

Take all reasonable care to ensure that adjoining hedges, trees and crops are not adversely affected by the use of chemicals. Plot holders must make good or replant if necessary if any damage occurs as a result of any negligence or miss use.

CANES AND POSTS

Canes and narrow posts less than 50mm used on or by pathways should be capped to avoid injury.

PETROL, PARAFFIN AND GAS

Do not keep more petrol, paraffin or gas than is required on your plot store in a safe way and take away any excess.

COMPOST

Plot holders are encouraged to compost all non-diseased vegetative matter and used on the plot holder's allotment. All diseased vegetative matter should be removed from the site and disposed of appropriately. Are

Note: there is no communal composting on site

DISPUTES

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Any problem between plot holders should be discussed between the plot holders concerned.
If no solution is forthcoming the relevant plot holders must contact the Committee for arbitration.
The Committee's decision will be final.

BONFIRES

No bonfires are permitted on the site except in the designated areas.

PONDS

No ponds are permitted on allotment plots.

LIVESTOCK

No livestock allowed other than those permitted by the Allotment Act is allowed on site.

DOGS

Any dogs brought onto the allotment site at the committees discretion and must be kept on lead until you reach your plot and kept under control at all times and any faeces removed immediately failure to comply may result in a written warning, and or notice to quit without refund.

LIABILITY

The Society is not liable for loss or damage whatsoever where by accident, fire, theft or damage

NOTICES AND REQUIREMENTS

Notices and requirements Will be posted on the notice board, the Society's website as and when required and must be complied with. A copy of all rules and agreements of tenancy can be available from the committee for those who do not have access to the internet. Other information will also be posted from time to time which should be checked regularly by all.

OTHER MATTERS

Any other matters not provided for in these rules, which require urgent attention will be dealt with by the committee at its discretion, in the best interest of the Society and its Members.