

WAA Plot Holders Rules

1. The Committee, or any person authorised by the Committee, on behalf of the Members, will have the power to enter upon the allotments, at any time, for carrying out repairs, inspecting the cultivation of the plots, and consideration of remedial work or re- planning of the allotments, or for any other purpose that the Committee deems necessary.

2. Disputes arising between Members regarding walkways, boundaries or any other matter connected with the Association will be referred to the Committee.

Any Member who wishes to lay a formal complaint against another Member of the Association concerning any matter arising within the confines of the allotments must notify such a complaint, in writing, to the Secretary of the Association.

3. No Member will sublet their plot or any part thereof.

Any Members wishing to transfer from one plot to another must have the approval of the Letting Officer.

The relative(s) of a deceased Member may, with the sanction of the Letting Officer, retain the plot of that Member provided the retention is in accordance with the conditions of the constitution. The allotment land shall not be used for any trade or business except for the distribution of seed, fertilizers etc. by the Association to its Members.

4. No Member will, under any circumstances, trespass upon the plot of any other Member. This includes any children who must be supervised at all times and are the full responsibility of the accompanying Member. Dogs must be under control at all times and should be leashed if necessary.

5. Members of the association are responsible for the behaviour of their visitors, guests or Members of their family at all times when on the site.

6. Any person found stealing from another Member's plot may be reported to the appropriate authorities.

The said Member will be subject to instant dismissal from the Association. If the person concerned is not a Member of the Association, and has been found trespassing on the Allotments, or has committed theft or criminal damage, then a report will be made to the appropriate authorities with a view to prosecution.

7. Cultivation

The Association desires to have a waiting list with full occupancy of plots and the Committee needs to balance this requirement with the upkeep of tidy, well-cultivated plots and the concerns of Members with plots adjoining a poorly cultivated plot.

In accordance with Objective B, each Member will properly cultivate the land and maintain adjacent paths and keep it in a condition to the satisfaction of the Committee according to NAS guidelines (See Appendix). A Member responsible for a plot found not to be properly cultivated, untidy or weedy during a Committee inspection or reported to the Committee will be contacted by a Section Committee Member in the first instance. The Member will be given the opportunity to provide an explanation for failure to cultivate the plot. If after taking everything into consideration, including the current waiting list for plots, the Committee is not satisfied there is a good reason for failing to do so the Member will be given one month's notice in writing to improve the plot. Failure to respond to such notice and maintain a properly cultivated plot may result in the Committee giving the Member one week's notice to quit.

8. Maintenance of dividing paths is the responsibility of the adjacent plot holders. Paths and roadways adjacent to plots must be kept clear, tidy and cut. Dividing pathways must be at least 18 inches wide (9 inches from each plot) with a drop of no more than 4 inches down to the plot. No carpets, stones, weeds or other refuse should be placed on communal paths.

9. Weed killers must not be used on dividing paths or roadways.

Weed killers and pesticides, if used, must only be mixed on Members' own plots. Consideration must be given to prevailing weather conditions when spraying and chemicals or spray should not be allowed to drift from the user's plot.

10. Structures

No construction of any sort shall be erected without the plans for such having been previously presented to the Committee for sanction. The Committee reserves the right to order such an erection to be dismantled if it does not comply with the previously submitted plans. All constructions must be a minimum of 2 feet from any path or roadway. Permanent foundations are not permitted.

11. The tenant shall not, without the written consent of the Association, cut or prune any timber or other trees, or take, sell, or carry away any mineral, sand or clay.

Trees, bushes and hedges (including soft fruit and fruit trees) bordering plots must be properly cut and trimmed and not obstruct pathways. The planting of non-fruit trees is not permitted unless prior authority has been obtained from the Committee in writing.

12. Roadway Safety

For the safety of pedestrians and cyclists, vehicles using the roadway are not permitted to exceed 5mph. Any Member whose vehicle unreasonably exceeds 5mph will receive a written warning from the Committee.

13. Gates

All gates to the Allotments must be closed and locked before dark.

14. Water

Piped water should be used in moderation and not wasted. Water tanks should be kept clean. Any problems with the water tanks should be reported to the Letting Secretary without delay.

Any interference with the water supply or alteration to the plumbing may lead to immediate expulsion from Membership of the Association. Hose pipes are not to be used.

The Committee reserves the right to introduce water restrictions should they consider it necessary.

Guttering should be fixed to all sheds and greenhouses with suitable containers for collecting rainwater.

15. Rubbish

Garden rubbish generated upon a Member's plot, other than that retained as compost, must be removed from site.

Tipping rubbish elsewhere on the allotments is prohibited. Domestic rubbish should not be brought to the allotments for disposal. New Members will pay £50 deposit which will be refunded to the Member or their family in full providing rubbish has not accumulated on the plot when the plot is given up.

Some or all the deposit may be used to pay for disposal of rubbish if left by a Member when vacating a plot.

The removal of soil from any part of the allotments is prohibited.

16. Fires

Bonfires are not permitted on Sundays.

Bonfires must only be lit when the wind is blowing away from surrounding roads and houses.

Bonfires should not inconvenience other Members of the Association or Members of the public.

Only combustible garden waste from the allotments is to be burnt.

All plant material should be well dried to avoid unnecessary smoke pollution.

Plastic pots, bags, carpets and synthetic materials must not be burnt. This is an offence in law.

Fires should not be allowed to burn unattended and must be extinguished before the plot holder leaves the site.

17. Behaviour

Reasonable consideration should be given to all Members of the Association at all times.

Members shall make every effort to comply with any Guidance or Code of Conduct issued by the Committee regarding the care and maintenance of the Allotments, use of water, good gardening practice and any other matter regarding the Allotments.

Members must ensure that they do not demonstrate rowdy or unacceptable behaviour, disturb the peace or offend other Members of the Association particularly if using radios, mobile phones or playing music.

18. The keeping of livestock upon the Allotments is prohibited as is Beekeeping, the erection of Aviaries, or the keeping of Domestic Pets.

19. All Members must abide with the foregoing rules at all times.

Failure to comply with these rules may lead to the Member concerned having their Membership suspended or withdrawn under the provision of Membership article vi.