

4.7 Water Supply, Ponds and Bog-Gardens

- 4.7.1 All water tanks and water butts shall be either one metre from ground level to rim or have a lid on at all times when not being used. All water tanks provided by the Society shall have their lids secured at all times when not in use by means of the attached clips.
- 4.7.2 A member may not wash hands, or any item or produce in water tanks provided by the Society.
- 4.7.3 It is the responsibility of all members to empty and clean out these water tanks before the water is turned back on, usually at the end of March.
- 4.7.4 The use of hosepipes is not permitted except for watering the accessible beds where a water point is provided.
- 4.7.5 Ponds are NOT permitted on allotment plots without the prior written authority of the Committee. Application may be made using the appropriate application form.
- 4.7.6 For reasons of health and safety, permission will not be granted unless the proposed pond structure and condition meets the following requirement:-
- a) Its dimensions will not exceed 0.75 SqM and be no more than 300mm deep and will not be placed within 500mm of the nearest path.
 - b) There is to be no concrete, cement or other material restricted by the Bye Laws used in its construction.
 - c) The pond should have a means of escape for creatures such as hedgehogs OR be covered with a grid of some sort to prevent them falling in. Chicken wire or netting is not sufficient.
 - d) The pond should not present any danger to children, ploholders or visitors.
 - e) The pond should be maintained and not be allowed to become an unpleasant, foul water source causing offence to others.
 - f) The pond will be inspected periodically (during Plot Inspections) and any deviation from the parameters or deterioration of the construction or condition will require immediate corrective action or the pond will be removed or filled in to eradicate the hazard.