



A QUICK GUIDE TO THE BASICS ON THE SITE

Allotments have their own legislation and head leases which dictate how the plots should be used. Most of the things listed in this document are either legal requirements or conditions of the head lease issued by the local council or part of our own By-Laws which must be followed. The full Bye Laws and Rules of the Society are on the website, and you should make yourself familiar with them, but this is a quick and easy guide for reference.

Do

- Always ensure you lock the gate behind you.
- Fully cultivate your plot in your first 3 months.
- Use your plot for planting herbs, fruit, flowers and of course vegetables.
- Keep grass side paths trimmed and tidy and clear of obstacles.
- Always keep a clearly visible number board on your plot.
- Maintain the area around fruit bushes/trees, etc and make sure they are pruned regularly.
- Cultivate at least 75% of your plot and keep the rest free from weeds and cut any long grass.
- Maintain your shed in a serviceable condition.
- Pay your allotment rent within 40 days of 1st October.
- Remove all belongings within two weeks if you vacate your plot and be sure to return your key(s).
- Inform the Secretary if you change your address and if you are going to be away for a period or there is any other reason you might not be able to maintain your plot on a temporary basis.
- Be considerate to other plot holders.

Don't

- Sublet your plot or give your key to anyone else without the committee's knowledge.
- Use your plot for any trade or business.
- Bring rubbish onto the site - you may be charged for its removal.
- Block communal pathways or the main driveway.
- Wash hands, crops, or tools in the water troughs.
- Use a hosepipe or a sprinkler to water crops.
- Have smoky bonfires that cause a nuisance or leave fires unattended (see bonfire notice or view/download the rule book from our website). N.B. Bonfires are only allowed between 1st October and 31st May.
- Cause a nuisance to other plot holders or neighbouring householders – nuisance could include bad language, anti-social behaviour, playing loud music, allowing children to access, or run around neighbouring plots.
- Go onto other people's plots unless they have given you permission.
- Dig up paths between plots.
- Use any form of violence on-site, be it physical or verbal.
- Erect a shed or greenhouse or bring paving slabs, bricks, or similar materials onto the site without submitting an application form and getting approval.
- Bring glass onto the site.
- Bring old carpets onto site, as they can be difficult to get rid of and they are known to contaminate the soil.
- Bring your dog onto the site (unless it is an Assistance Dog)
- Park on the site – cars or other vehicles may only be brought onto the site for the purposes of loading and unloading. The speed limit is 5mph