

## **4.7 Water Supply and Ponds**

- 4.7.1 All water tanks and water butts shall be at least one metre from ground level to rim and 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 ANYTHING in water tanks provided by the Society as the water is used on plants, fruit and vegetables that people will be eating.
- 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) The pond should not present any danger to children, ploholders or visitors.
  - b) 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.
  - c) There is to be no concrete, cement or other material restricted by the Bye Laws used in its construction.
  - d) The pond shall be completely covered by a metal or plastic grid of sufficient strength to prevent collapse or breakage if stood on. Chicken wire or netting is not sufficient. If the grid apertures are of a size that a small mammal may enter the pond, there should be a means of escape for such creatures.
  - 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.