

Street & District Allotments Association



2. Rules (amended Mar 2025)

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All plot holders must be members of the Association. The Committee reserves the right to refuse membership to any person considered unacceptable. **(rule 2)**

Rents are to be paid no later than the 1st March. All rents and subs are due in advance. **(rule 6)**

Payment of rent and/or Association membership fees is deemed to be acceptance of these rules by the member since these rules form part of the basis of the plot holder's tenancy agreement. In the case of a tenancy being terminated, the plot holder shall forfeit any rent and subs which may have been paid. **(rule 5)**

Plots are let on a yearly basis with tenancy running from 1st March to 28th February. Tenancy can be terminated at any time by the elected Officers of the Association if they are satisfied that the tenancy agreement has been violated. **(rule 3)**

New members will be accepted on a six month probation period. Should a new member's allotment not meet a reasonable standard in the six month period, (in the view of the Committee) then the allotment will be withdrawn and will be allocated to the next on the waiting list. No refund of any fees paid will be returned. (see rule 5) **(rule 23)**

Members whose rent and subs are in arrears must clear those arrears within 21 days of the date on the reminder notice. Failure to clear the arrears within the 21 days will be taken as notice that the member no longer wishes to retain the plot and the Committee will then assume that the plot is vacant and re-let it to another tenant. **(rule 7)**

Members must not sub-let plots or part of their plot (ref: rule 2). **(rule 9)** **Members are asked to give at least two months' notice** before 1st March if they intend giving up their plot. This notice should be given to any Committee member. **(rule 10)**

General upkeep: Members are asked to help maintain the site in a clean and tidy condition. **Composting** is recommended for the disposal of organic waste, all non-compostable waste should be taken to the Civic Amenity site at Farm Lane. **Allotment fires are not permitted at Brooks Rd**, but allotment fires at the other sites are permitted on the member's own plot (garden waste & white smoke only) but due respect of neighbouring houses and allotments must be considered. The Committee will be forced to ban fires on any allotment site which receives complaints. Please remember an allotment fire is not a right. **(rule 13)**

Cultivation standards: Plot holders must i) keep their plot clean and actively cultivated; ii) not allow weeds or anything else to cause a nuisance to neighbouring plot holders; iii) not use the allotment for dumping and/or storage of extraneous materials not required in cultivation. **(rule 27)**

Improvement Notices: The Committee reserves the right to refuse rent and subs from members whose plot has not been cultivated or is in an unacceptable condition (ref rule 27). Such plots must be tidied and improved within one month of written notice to do so or the tenancy may be terminated. Illness or family emergencies will be taken into consideration before terminating the tenancy. Any appeal against termination must be submitted before the month has elapsed. **(rule 8)**

Termination: Whenever a tenancy is terminated, the member shall be notified in writing and given 14 days to appeal against the decision. This rule shall apply in all cases except for termination under rules 7 & 20 and where an improvement notice has been issued. (see rule 8) The individual shall be given the opportunity to voice their point of view, for reconsideration by the full Committee, in the presence of two members of the Committee, selected by the Committee. They will be entitled to bring someone of their choosing for support. **(rule 4)** Members shall agree that at the end of their tenure they will remove any and all extraneous items they have added to their plot. They shall not leave abandoned any item or material that presents the incoming plot holder or the Association with a problem of disposal. **(rule 30)** Past members whose tenancy was terminated due to lack of activity shall not be considered for another plot for the period of 3 years post termination, subject to the discretion of the committee. **(rule 29)**

Members are required to maintain a safe environment for themselves and any visitors. Members are totally responsible for all health and safety issues on their allotment and adjacent paths. The Committee and the Association will not accept responsibility for any claims against a member for poor housekeeping and/or dangerous practices. **(rule 17)**

Thoroughfares: Members are requested to respect all paths, walkways and drives. Care must be taken when driving on the allotment area. Do not drive on soft ground damaging grass walkways. **(rule 12)**

Cars are to be parked in such a way that they do not obstruct paths or roadways. **(rule 18)**

Paths must not be removed without prior agreement from a Committee member. Members are responsible for maintaining the path along the left hand side of their plot as viewed from the main thoroughfare. Each path must be a minimum of 12 inches wide. **Fences** and any boundary vegetation must be well maintained and not obstruct road ways & paths, nor encroach upon neighbouring plots. To prevent obstruction of light to adjoining plots, hedges, solid fences & screening materials shall not exceed 1m (39") in height unless otherwise agreed with a Committee member and the holders of the plots concerned. **(rule 11 – amended Mar 2025)**

Structures: In response to increasing frequency of high winds and health & safety concerns, the erection of any new permanent structure including sheds, greenhouses & polytunnels must be pre-approved by a Committee member to ensure it is to a suitable specification and adequate standard. Members should discuss their intentions with a Site Rep before making a purchase. The Committee may issue a notice for any inadequately secured or otherwise unsafe structure to be dismantled. **(rule 31 – amended Mar 2025)**

Tyres are banned from the allotments. Tyres contain toxic chemicals and in breaking down can pollute the soil. If you find a tyre on your plot please let your Site Rep know. **(rule 32 – added Mar 2025)**

The keeping of hens for non-business purposes is permitted to a maximum of 5 hens per allotment. Cock birds are not permitted. Bee hives are also permitted. The agreement of the Committee is required before acquiring hens/bees – terms & conditions apply (see separate leaflet). The correct housekeeping for all live stock must be observed. The allotment holder will be totally responsible for the welfare of their birds/bees. **(rule 14)**

Rats and vermin are always a problem near chicken houses, please take precautions to avoid infestations. Should you have a problem with rats the Committee should be consulted. Please do not leave it until we receive a complaint from neighbouring homes. **(rule 15)**

There should be no use of back pack pressurised sprayers for the spraying of herbicides or pesticides. **(rule 24)**

Sale of produce: Legislation requires that an allotment is wholly or mainly cultivated by the occupier for the production of vegetable or fruit crops for their own consumption (flowers are also permitted) and its use for trade or business is prohibited. It is permissible for plot-holders to sell surplus produce. **(rule 26)**

Members are not permitted to grow any illegal substances. Any member found growing these plants will be reported to the authorities and their allotment confiscated. **(rule 20)**

Members' dogs and children must be kept under control and not be allowed to roam free across other members' allotments and paths. **(rule 16)**

Security: Petrol and power tools should not be left on allotments. The Association will not be responsible for any loss of tools. Total responsibility for security on an allotment is down to the allotment holder. **(rule 22)**

No tenant shall cause another tenant harassment, alarm or distress. Any use of violence, threats of violence or damage to another's property will be grounds for immediate termination of tenancy. This includes any action which, in the view of the Committee, brings the Association into disrepute. **(rule 25)**

Any dispute shall be settled by the Committee whose decision shall be final and binding. **(rule 21)**

The Committee shall use National Allotment Society recommendations as guidance in dealing with any issue that arises and is not covered in existing rules. **(rule 28)**

Officers & Committee members shall be elected annually at the AGM which will be held no later than 31st March. **(rule 1)**

Suggestions or ideas for improving the Association or changes to the rules should be submitted to the Secretary at least 10 days before the AGM so that they may be included into the agenda. **(rule 19)**

General Information

Officers of the Committee for 2025/26:

Chairman: Nina Swift, (Plot 12 Strode Rd)
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Treasurer: Richard Coles,
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Secretary & Membership Co-ord: Julie Hillman, (Plots 9B & 10A Brooks Rd) 01458 446643

If you have any concern, query or suggestion, please feel free to contact your Site Representative, see the site notice board for contact details.

You will also find up to date contact details for the Committee Officers & your Site Representatives on our website.

Also on the website you will find a copy of our Constitution, Tenancy Agreement, Rules, H&S Risk Assessments, GDPR Policy Statement and Minutes of Committee meetings.

Please retain for future reference (Mar 2025)