

The following rules as established by the Parish Council will apply until site responsibility is transferred to The Allotment Association.
Allotment rules may be reviewed once the Association has taken responsibility for the Allotment sites.

ALLOTMENT RULES & REGULATIONS – AMENDED JANUARY 2024

1. Tenancy will commence following allocation of the plot by the Parish Council.
2. The Parish Council does not take any responsibility for any activities undertaken on the land by individual plot holders.
3. Rent is payable in advance at the rate of 50p per square metre and for raised beds a fixed price of £15.00 per annum, to be reviewed by the Council annually. Rent to be paid to the Parish Council Finance Officer by the date stated on the Annual Invoice.
4. Any tenant not having paid their annual subscription by the date stated shall be deemed to no longer require their plot and the Allotments Sub-committee shall have the power to re-let the plot.
5. Allotments shall only be let to those applications that have been approved by the Allotments Sub-committee, and the committee shall have the right to make special stipulations regarding any tenancy.
6. No tenant shall be allowed to hold more land than they are able to adequately cultivate. It is the council's recommendation that a minimum of 75% (approx.) of the plot is used for cultivation. If there are any cultivation issues experienced due to mitigating circumstances, please inform the council.
7. The Council require one months' notice period for a resident to terminate their plot tenancy and no monies will be refunded.
8. No tenant shall be allowed to sub-let, assign, or part with possession of the whole or part of his/her allotment without sanction from the committee. Where plot holders choose to share a plot, they are solely responsible for the maintenance and rent of the plot. They must notify the Deputy Clerk in writing of the name and address of co-user.
9. Any tenant changing their postal address and/or their email should notify the Deputy Clerk within twenty-eight days in writing.
10. The tenant undertakes to use the allotment as an allotment garden and for no other purpose. Every tenant during his/her term of tenancy will be required to conform and observe the provisions of the Allotment Act and must not use the land otherwise than in accordance with such provisions.

11. The tenant shall be responsible for maintaining paths in a clean well-kept condition. Failure to comply with these conditions may render the tenant liable should any accident occur as a direct result.
12. The communal sheds are for the use of all plot holders, with an allocated space for each plot.
 - All items left in the shed are left at owners' risk.
 - The shed codes for plot holders' knowledge only.
 - No hazardous items to be left in the sheds.
 - Please be considerate to other plot holders and shed users.
13. No sheds, greenhouses or polytunnels are to be installed on individual plots, however cloches to 2m high and fruit cages are acceptable.
14. There will be no communal composting on-site, only for individuals on their own plot.
15. For raised beds: 1 plastic compost bin per raised bed is allowed, to a maximum height of 1M at the allocated location near to the raised beds, along the water pumping station fence line.
16. A tool storage unit, on a non-permanent base to a maximum height of 1.35m is permitted (n/a for raised beds).
17. Temporary small ponds are allowed on ground plots only and must not be constructed of concrete or any hard-landscape material.
18. To install any structures not included in the rules please consult the committee for permission.
19. No livestock is permitted to be kept on site.
20. The tenant undertakes not to cut or prune any timber or trees or take/carry away any mineral, sand, earth, or clay without the written permission of the Allotments Sub-committee.
21. Only fruit trees on a dwarf stock can be planted subject to permission from the Committee and to a maximum of five on a plot. If permission is granted, they must be planted away from the paths and must not be allowed to grow over 2.0m tall. They must not be allowed to overshadow other plots. Ornamental trees and shrubs are not permitted.
22. Registered plot holders are required to cultivate and keep their plot in a good state of fertility, in good order, free from weeds and rubbish and grow a range of produce and plants for home consumption/use.

23. No produce grown on a plot should be used for commercial gain.
24. Tenants who have not cultivated their plots to the agreed standards of the Allotments Sub-committee at any time will be given a written warning. The plots will be inspected twice a year, April and October. The written warning will state that should there be no satisfactory improvement within one month of the date of warning, the committee will be empowered to start proceedings to terminate the tenancy.
25. Well behaved dogs are welcome on site on a lead, and owners are expected to clean up after them.
26. No sprinklers or hoses shall be connected to any of the site's water supplies.
27. The tenant undertakes not to cause or permit any nuisance or annoyance to the occupier of any other allotment gardener or resident or property adjoining the allotment site.
28. No fires on site.
29. Any tenant committing a nuisance or throwing any soil, stones, weeds, or rubbish on any other allotment or on any path or road shall be liable to notice of eviction.
30. Any member using equipment belonging to the Parish Council does so at his/her own risk.

The equipment must be returned promptly in a clean condition and any fault reported to the committee. The equipment must not be removed from the site without prior permission.
31. Every tenant will be held personally responsible for any damage caused by any person who may accompany him/her. The Allotments Sub-committee shall have the right to refuse admission to any person other than a tenant.
32. The Allotments Sub-committee shall have the power to expel without notice and without compensation any tenant that shall:
 - a) be guilty of theft or wilful damage, or injury
 - b) wilfully break the rules
 - c) cause a nuisance or annoyance to any other tenant.
33. All cases of dispute shall be referred to the Allotments Sub-committee in writing and the committee decision shall be final.
34. The Allotments Sub-Committee shall have the full power to deal with any matter not dealt with in the rules.

35. The tenancy shall be perpetual, and in the event of the Tenant's death a decision on the succession will be at the Allotments Sub-Committee's discretion and in discussion with the deceased's family.

This rules list is not exhaustive, and the Allotment Sub-Committee reserve the right to amend and add rules as required.