



BROADBRIDGE HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Office, Sargent Way,

Broadbridge Heath, West Sussex RH12 3TS.

ALLOTMENT WAITING LIST POLICY

Eligibility for an Allotment

Prospective tenants must meet the following conditions:

- Being over the age of 18
- Reside in the postal area of Broadbridge Heath

If a prospective tenancy is to be taken by an association, club or other organisation, the tenancy will need to be held by a nominated individual, who will remain personally responsible for the tenancy on behalf of that organisation.

The allotment facilities are provided by the Parish Council for the benefit of Broadbridge Heath residents.

The Parish Council reserve the right, to change the following at their discretion.

Joining the Waiting List

- Applicants should make a formal request, in writing, by email if possible.
- They should provide their name, address, telephone number(s) and email address.
- Applicants will be provided with basic information about the allotment service and guidance about the time and effort required to be able to maintain a plot to the required standard.
- Only after applicants have indicated that they have noted that guidance and that they wish to pursue a tenancy, will they then be added to the waiting list.

Existing Tenants

- Where possible the Parish Council will be supportive of existing tenants who wish to upsize, downsize, move or exchange plots. To do so, existing tenants must indicate their interest by registering to join the waiting list. Such tenants should indicate the reasoning behind their request. If, for example, they are only interested in a specific plot, an adjoining plot, or one close by, this should be made known.

- Tenants will not normally be allowed to hold more than the equivalent of one plot/raised bed.

Waiting List

The waiting list will hold the following details:

- Date the application was accepted
- Name, address and contact details of the applicant
- Information on plot size or location preference, if stated

The waiting lists will be maintained in order of date the application was registered regardless of whether the applicant is an existing plot holder or not.

Being Offered a Plot

- When a plot becomes available, it will be offered to the applicant at the top of the waiting list for the applicable site (ie the applicant who has been waiting longest).
- If that offer is not taken up, the vacant plot will be offered to the next person on the waiting list, and so on down the list.
- If an offer is refused because of special personal circumstances which would prevent proper use being made of the plot in the immediate future, the applicant may ask that their request be deferred for an agreed period, or a specific event has occurred. In that way their position on the waiting list can be preserved.
- The Parish Council may remove an applicant from the waiting list if they repeatedly refuse plots that become available. In such circumstances, the applicant may make a new application and be allowed to join at the bottom of the waiting list.

Death of a Tenant

- If the last tenancy of an available plot ended because the last tenant died, consideration will be given by the Parish Council to it being taken over by a family member. It may be (for example) that a couple cultivated the plot together, but the tenancy agreement was in the name of the deceased.
- If more than one family member wishes to be considered for taking up the tenancy, the Parish Council may consult with interested parties.
- “Family members” means somebody who is related to the deceased (by blood, marriage, civil partnership, adoption, or other legal formality).
- The decision by the Parish Council on who will take on the plot of a deceased tenant will be final.

Agreed by ASC on: 23RD June 2022

Agreed by Full Council on: 8th August 2022