



DO'S and DON'TS



Conditions for Having Your Allotment Garden

These are meant to help you garden sensibly and safely, showing care for those around you.

The main points are:

- 1. You may grow fruit, vegetables, and flowers, have a lawn on your allotment garden. You are expected to care for **all** of your allotment garden, not just part of it whilst letting the remainder grow weedy.
- 2. You are responsible for the health and safety on your site of yourself and other users of the allotment site.
- 3. You do not bring onto your allotment garden any harmful things such as banned chemicals, asbestos, builders' rubble, synthetic carpets that do not rot away etc.
- 4. You keep the soil free from harmful things such as glass, plastic waste, builders' rubble etc.
- 5. You show care and consideration to other allotment users and the people around the allotment site. This means that you do not do things that may upset people around you eg: have a smouldering smoky bonfire, play music loudly, let your dog bark or walk onto other allotment gardens.
- 6. You may only keep hens and rabbits on your allotment garden. You **cannot** keep cockerels, it is against the Allotments Act (1950) and it also causes complaints
- 7. If you keep or intend to keep livestock on the agreed sites, you need to confirm type and numbers with the Allotments Administrator for approval.
- 8. You are responsible for the boundaries of your allotment garden. Any fences and hedges need to be kept to a height of 1.5 metres. This means keeping fences well maintained and cutting **both** sides of your hedge.
- 9. You are responsible for cutting and keeping tidy your half of the grass path running beside your allotment garden.
- 10. You are responsible for any structure on your allotment garden. You can remove it when you leave your allotment garden, or pass it on to the next tenant. You are responsible for keeping any structures safe and well maintained
- 11. Applications for all new structures should be agreed and approved with the Allotment Administrator.
- 12. We ask you to use water wisely to protect our environment and also to consider your neighbours, who will be sharing taps with you.
- 13. As a matter of health and safety all water tubs, baths and containers should be covered and kept secure. Any ponds on sites should be secure to prevent children falling in.
- 14. When you decide to give up your allotment garden you are expected to write to the Allotment Administrator 4 weeks before you want your Tenancy Agreement to end.

Happy Gardening!