

BRADSTONE BROOK SHALFORD ALLOTMENTS RULES

The rules set out below are for the benefit of all allotment holders and all allotment holders are requested to comply with these rules at all times. Failure to comply with these rules could put your tenancy at risk. Any concerns or queries should be referred to the Parish Clerk, Shalford Parish Council.

Plot measurements

1 A basic allotment plot measures 16.5 feet by 165 feet.

Tenancy and rent

2 Each basic allotment plot is let on an annual tenancy beginning on 1st October each year. However, occupancy can initially commence at any time and rent apportioned appropriately.

3 All rents are due on 1st October annually and must be paid within one calendar month of that date. Rent demands will be issued by Shalford Parish Council and payment should be made preferably by cheque by no later than 31st October.

4 If the rent is not paid by 31st October the Parish Council will be entitled to serve notice on the tenant to terminate the tenancy.

5 Rent for a basic allotment is determined by Shalford Parish Council annually. Notice of the annual rent will be deemed to have been served upon the allotment holders by posting notices at the entrances of the allotment and on the notice board situated in the car parking area not less than four weeks before the 1st October.

Sub-letting and Assignment

6 No allotment holder shall sublet or assign his/her allotment or any part thereof without the prior approval of Shalford Parish Council.

General Cultivation and Maintenance

7 Every allotment holder shall weed and keep his/her plot in a clean condition. Grass paths around the plot should be tended adequately and the grass kept short. This particularly applies to the plot's share of communal grass paths

8 Allotment holders must not use prohibited substances to control weeds and insects. No weedkillers of any kind may be used in the maintenance of common footpaths.

9 Perimeter crop protection fences must be maintained at all times in a manner which is acceptable to the Parish Council.

10 Carpet material, including any kind of underlay must not be used as a weed suppressant

11 Black plastic sheeting and similar material used as a weed suppressant should be firmly anchored to prevent damage and movement in strong winds. Such sheeting should also be regularly inspected to ensure that it is in good condition and has not started to break up into small pieces.

12 Sheds and compost heaps must be kept tidy and in good repair at all times and must be sited at the far end of the plot from the central communal path. Sheds and compost heaps must not interfere with other plots.

13 Hard landscaping is not permitted at any time without the express permission of the Parish Council.

14 Dogs and children must be kept under proper control at all times and not allowed to wander on the site. Dogs must be kept on a lead when accessing the site and remain within the owners plot at all times. Ball games of any kind are not permitted.

15 Trees must not be planted on any part of the plot.

16 From time to time and at regular intervals during the growing season the Parish Council will review the state of each plot on the site. Following this review if plots are inadequately maintained the Parish Council will issue instructions to improve the plot. If these instructions are ignored or the improvement is insufficient, the allotment holder risks the tenancy being ended.

Security and Access

17 Only paid up allotment holders are entitled to hold a key for the allotment gate.

18 The last person to leave the allotments must ensure that the main gate is firmly closed and padlocked. This applies at all times. Similarly the rear gate should be kept padlocked at all times.

19 Allotment holders should not drive their vehicles on the track from the car park area to their plot when the ground is soft. This path is NOT winter weather proof. Generally this prohibition applies from October to March. However, because of our climate this period may be altered, for example in exceptionally wet summers, and particularly at the start and end of the summer season.

20 Allotment holders should arrange for deliveries of manure and such like to be made when the track is hard. All manure and such like must be stored on the ploholders own plot and not on other plots or communal ground.

Rubbish Disposal and bonfires

Rubbish

21 The dumping of rubbish or weeds on empty plots or in the car parking areas is strictly prohibited.

22 It is strictly forbidden to bring rubbish of any kind onto the allotment site to burn or dump. Only rubbish accumulated on the allotment may be burned on site.

23 All weeds should be either disposed of sensibly off site or composted. Allotment holders should not dump their weeds at the back of their plot but store or compost in an unobtrusive manner.

24 Rubbish should be disposed of regularly and not stored on the allotment plot.

25 The Parish Council reserves the right to request the removal of excessive rubbish from any plot

26 Allotment holders leaving rubbish when vacating a plot may be charged for its disposal

Bonfires

27 During the growing season (April to September) bonfires should not be lit before 5pm. At other times of the year bonfires should only be lit two hours before dusk

28 Bonfires must not inconvenience other plot holders or neighbouring properties and wind direction must be considered before lighting any fire.

29 Only combustible garden waste from the allotments is to be burnt.

30 All plant material should be well dried to avoid unnecessary smoke pollution.

31 Plastic pots and seed trays, plastic bags and synthetic materials must not be burnt under any circumstances. Burning such material is likely to cause a nuisance and could lead to a prosecution under the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

32 Lit bonfires must not be left unattended under any circumstances

General Disclaimer

33 Shalford Parish Council cannot in any way be held responsible for the loss or damage of any products, produce, shed contents, tools and equipment or any property on plots or the allotment site generally

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