

Little Moor Allotment Association Rules

(revised January 2021)

1. No vehicles will be allowed within the boundaries of the allotments. Deliveries must be dropped at the relevant gates, with secretary's permission.
2. Dogs must be kept on the lead at all times. Riding bicycles on site is prohibited.
3. There shall be a common path between plots and each plot holder will yield 9" width of land towards these common paths. Members must keep paths cut and free from obstructions. Members whose allotments are on a main pathway must tidy the edges.
4. If the Committee consider that a member's conduct is harmful to the Association it may by resolution require the member concerned either to resign or to put their case to a meeting of the Committee.
5. The removal of produce or other items from another tenant's plot without their express permission will be deemed to be theft. Anyone found stealing will be liable to have their tenancy terminated immediately and will be expelled from the Association.
6. Sub-letting of part or all of an allotment plot is not permitted. If a member feels they cannot cultivate a whole plot please inform the Committee to discuss the way forward. A member may arrange for a friend to assist them with cultivating their plot on a temporary basis, but to avoid any possibility of sub-letting, the Committee reserve the right to review any such arrangement every 3 months.
7. A member who does not visit their allotment over a 6 month period without a substantive reason may be considered to have forfeited the lease on their allotment. If an allotment tenancy is terminated, the outgoing tenant can offer any structure to the incoming tenant. If the new tenant does not wish to buy it then the Committee will require the outgoing tenant to remove such structure within 28 days. If this does not take place, then the structure is forfeited by the outgoing plot holder and the Committee will dispose and/or re-allot the structure as they see fit. Under no circumstances can the outgoing tenant make the purchase of any structure a condition of tenancy to the new tenant. No compensation is payable to any outgoing tenant for any reason. The committee will base their decisions upon the 'Buildings and Structures Guidance' issued by our landlords.
8. On giving up a plot the member must surrender it to the Association, this will be re-allocated according to the waiting list. In no circumstances is a member permitted to pass a plot directly to another person.
9. A waiting list of prospective tenants will be kept by the Association and vacant plots allocated in strict rotation by date of application. Application to be put on the waiting list must be made, in writing, to the Secretary.
10. Applications to erect a shed or greenhouse, or other permanent structure must be made in writing (together with a sketch plan) to the Communications Secretary. No shed, greenhouse or other permanent structure shall be permitted other than in a position approved by the Committee and must not exceed the dimensions set out in the "Building & Structures Guidance". If the Committee is not satisfied with any structure it can request it be removed. Any structure erected on an allotment is at the owner's expense and risk.
11. All plots must be properly cultivated, kept free of weeds, rubbish and comply with the 75% cultivation standard.
12. No fires may be lit between the dates specified in the current site lease by the order of our landlord. No fire should be lit when the wind is blowing towards neighbouring houses. Put the fire out before leaving the site. No member shall put out another member's fire but shall report the offending member to an official of the Committee.
13. The Committee will carry out periodic inspections of the allotments, based upon the 'Plot Cultivation and Standards Guidance' issued by our governing body, and if in their opinion a plot is uncultivated, or untidy, the tenant will be advised, in writing, where action is needed. In the event of seriously neglected allotments, a tenant will be given 28 days to rectify it or their tenancy will be terminated. Any objection to such "inspection letters" must be made in writing, to the Secretary. Any tenant who receives two inspection letters in a calendar year will be asked to appear in person before a meeting of the committee to explain why the tenant should not have their tenancy terminated following the second warning letter.
14. The perimeter fence of the allotment is erected and maintained by our governing body, and no modification of the fence of any kind is permitted.
15. Water is supplied to the site by the use of ballcock regulated standpipes leading into fixed containers. The use of this water is restricted to cans or other containers hand filled from the fixed containers. The use of hosepipes, siphons, pumps or any other form of continuous water extraction from the baths is expressly forbidden. The only hosepipe allowed on site is in the polytunnel used by the association for the growing on of plants for sale at the shop. The committee reserve the right of access to structures on site to ensure that this rule is being fully observed. No private connection to the water supply is permitted and all water is only for use on site. Personal water butts or similar rainwater harvesting arrangements are allowed but must have no connection to the site mains water supply.
16. These allotments are for the growing of produce specifically for the use of the gardeners and their families and friends alone. The sale of any other items except through the association shop and for the benefit of the Association is expressly forbidden.
17. No trees are to be planted on plots except for fruit trees and bushes
18. Rents paid are forwarded to our immediate landlords, and are non-refundable.
19. Any matters not provided for in these rules shall be dealt with by the Committee at their discretion. Members will be held responsible for the due observance of these rules by their visitors.