

Absence of plot holder due to ill health or other personal circumstances

We recognise that as a result of prolonged ill health or other personal crises some plot holders may not be able to manage to maintain their plots at a satisfactory level of cultivation (e.g. in line with the guidance provided with the Rules of Little Moor Allotments Association). In this case plot holders have a couple of options but most importantly it is vital that they inform the Secretary of their circumstances so that the association can work with them to find the best solution.

1. Plot holders may give up their plot and will be placed on the waiting list where they will be given priority allocation of a new plot when they are able to recommence cultivation of an allotment.
2. Plot holders may ask to move to a smaller, more manageable plot and if one becomes available we will consider that request sympathetically.
3. It is understandable that where plot holders feel that they will be able to return to full allotment management within a period of a year that they may be reluctant to give up an allotment in which they have invested time, love and money over a number of years. However, it is important that allotments are not allowed to grow wild as this can have negative impacts on adjacent plot holders – therefore if a plot holder has an enforced absence from their allotment but intend to retain it then they would be expected to ensure that a minimum level of plot maintenance is provided (weeding, grass cutting, picking etc). This can be done either by asking friends or relatives to take over care of the allotment for a while or by paying for a professional gardener to do this for them.

If after a period of 1 year it is clear that the allotment has ceased to be cultivated then, in accordance with our rules, the tenancy of the allotment will be terminated and the plot will be offered to someone on the waiting list.