

Ambleside Allotments Association Site Rules & Plot Holder's Agreement

This Agreement is made onin respect of Plot number and is made between the Ambleside Allotment Association (the 'Association') and of
..... (the 'Plot Holder').

1. The Plot Holder agrees:

- 1.1 To pay the membership fee of £5.00 (individual) or £10.00 (family) on joining the Association and, thereafter, the plot fee – as determined by the AGM - on or before 30 November each year. Plot-holders more than one month in arrears with rent shall forfeit their plots.
- 1.2 Not to use the plot for any trade or business purposes but solely for the cultivation of fruit, vegetables and flowers for domestic use. *I am uncomfortable with the inflexibility of this as I know that we have chefs and restaurant owners on the list who would like to incorporate use of locally grown produce in their menus if they manage to grow enough and also I would like to think the AAA or its members could sell excess produce and pickles/chutneys made from them at the local farmers Market (ah yes now that is a whole new hot off the press possibility...Exciting!) How about something like large scale/sole purpose trade or business etc*
- 1.3 Not to assign, part with, or sublet any part of the plot without the prior written consent of the Association.
- 1.4 To keep the plot free from weeds, and maintained in a proper state of cultivation and fertility – in accordance with the Organic Guidelines issued by the Association.
- 1.5 To lock communal sheds and access gates before leaving the site. A key shall be issued to all plot-holders on payment of a small deposit. The key shall remain the property of the Association, and must be returned to the Treasurer should the plot-holder relinquish their plot, or in the event of their membership being terminated by the Association.
- 1.6 Not to cause or permit nuisance or annoyance to the occupier of any adjoining land. **Radios, BBQs?**
- 1.7 To keep all pathways and the central access way free from obstruction at all times. **Paths, grass cutting?**
- 1.8 Not to plant trees, or to cut or prune any existing tree without the permission of the Association.
- 1.9 Not to erect or place on the plot any fence, building or structure (other than a permitted structure as defined by the Association).
- 1.10 Not to light any fire on site without the express permission of the Association.
- 1.11 **Parking?**
- 1.12 Any dog brought onto the allotment must be kept on a lead and not allowed to roam. Whilst on the plot, dogs must be tethered, and all mess cleared by the owner.
- 1.13 Not to use a hose-pipe in connection with the mains water stand-pipe. All taps must be turned off after use. Members are strongly urged to collect rain water to minimise the use of metered water.
- 1.14 To only use communal tools at his/her own risk and not to permit power tools to be used by persons under 18 years of age.
- 1.15 To number their plot, ensuring that the number is clearly visible.
- 1.16 To inform the Secretary in writing should they wish to vacate their plot.

- 1.17 Not to sub-let whole or part of their plot. If a plot-holder feels they cannot cultivate a whole plot, they should inform the Committee who will then arrange to let half the plot to the next person on the waiting list. All plots revert to the Association on termination of membership.
- 1.18 A waiting list of prospective tenants will be kept by the Secretary, and vacant or newly acquired plots allocated in strict rotation by date of application.
- 1.19 In the event of a half-plot becoming available, the member on the other half is given first refusal to take it on, followed by immediately neighbouring halves. If there is a waiting list, no member already having a full lot will be entitled to take on further plots until the list is satisfied. Members may join the waiting list for further half-plot or to change plots, but again, may not be allocated more than one full plot whilst there is a waiting list.
- 1.21 No children under the age of fifteen years will be allowed on the allotments site unless accompanied by a senior plot-holder.
- 1.22 Any member found to have removed goods or produce from other plots, ***without the express permission of that plot-holder***, shall have their membership terminated.
- 1.23 To inform the Secretary in writing, of any changes to contact details.

2. The Association agrees:

- 2.1 To pay the annual rent for the allotment site, insurance policies, and gardening organisation membership.
- 2.2 To maintain all boundary fences, gates and hedges in good order.
- 2.3 **To provide and maintain a water supply?**

3. Termination of the Agreement:

- 3.1 The period of notice to be given to the plot holder on termination of this agreement shall be not less than six months, except in so far as the termination relates to a breach of this Agreement, in which case the notice period will be not less than one month.
- 3.2 Any notice to be given to the plot holder shall be sent by recorded post to the plot holder's last known address. Any correspondence relating to this Agreement shall be addressed to the Association's Secretary.
- 3.3 Any matters not provided for in the Rules & Agreement shall be dealt with by the Committee at their discretion.

Signed (plot holder)

Signed (on behalf of the Ambleside Allotments Association)

Date