



ALLOTMENT TENANCY - ADDITIONAL RULES UPDATED JUNE 2026

Clause 8 of the Allotment Tenancy Agreement states:

The tenant shall observe additional rules that the Council may make or revise for the regulation and management of the Allotment and other allotments let by the Council.

Additional Rules:

- **Access paths:** The main path should be used for access to your allotment, except for those allotments that have a side access.
- **Allotment Inspections:** Three inspections will be scheduled each year, the first inspection will be scheduled for March/April this year, one in July and a final one in September/October. An email will be sent out in advance to provide one month's notice of the date.
- **Annual Rent** – Rents are agreed annually by the Parish Council and at least 12 months notice of any increase will be given to Tenants.
- **Bonfires:** Please have consideration when lighting bonfires. If the bonfire is slow burning, especially if it is very damp material, the smoke does cause a problem as it swirls towards the neighbouring residential properties, the tennis courts or other users of the Ground. Even on an apparently windless day, wind can be fickle and can cause real difficulties.
- **Cultivation:** It is a requirement of your tenancy to cultivate your allotment as well as keeping it free of weeds.
- **Dangerous Materials:** Tenants should not keep dangerous materials, asbestos, excessive glass, fuel or chemicals on the allotment. Any weedkiller, pesticides or chemicals should be used safely and responsibly and stored safely.
- **Data Protection** – The Parish Council will hold and use Tenant personal details for allotment management, rent, inspections, records and notices. This data will not be shared with any other organisation.
- **Dogs:** (Well behaved) dogs are welcome at the Allotments until the end of 2026. Dogs should be kept under control and any mess cleared up. **NO DOGS WILL BE PERMITTED ON THE ALLOTMENTS FROM 1 JANUARY 2027.** If you have an assistance dog, please advise the Parish Council.

- **Fences:** Tenants are asked not to 'fence' their allotments. If necessary, the marking of a boundary can be done with corner pegs / twine or the use of cordon / espalier fruit as long as this does not overshadow a neighbouring plot. While one fence / embankment / permanent structure may not have an impact on the site, should all tenants wish to exercise the same right, then it would become unworkable.
- **Gate to Recreation Ground:** It is to be kept closed and locked at all times (except on Sport fixture days) and access will be by a combination padlock using the same number as is on the chain. It is to be closed and padlocked after each access. This will mean that there will be no vehicles on the Recreation Ground whose driver does not have the combination. Arrangements for sports fixture days are the responsibility of the respective Sports Clubs. Individual requests for access during March and October, can be made to the Parish Council via the Clerk, as the combination for the gate changes from the last day in September, until the first Monday in April.
- **Green houses / glass houses / structures:** Permission is required from the Council prior to erecting any building or structure. Shed sizes can be no larger than 6ft x 4ft, including any hard standing for a full allotment and pro-rata for the smaller allotments. Shed sizes for a half-sized plot should be no larger than 3ft x 2ft and for a third-sized plot no larger than 2ft x 1.5ft. Any green or glass house must have a water collection system attached. Structures must be kept in good repair and may be removed by the Parish Council if unsafe or not approved, recovering any costs incurred from the Tenant. On the termination of the tenancy, the Tenant shall remove any shed, greenhouse or other building or structure erected in the Allotment unless the Council agrees otherwise which shall be confirmed in writing to Tenant.
- **Rubbish:** Tenants should remove their own rubbish and not leave waste on the allotment site at any time.
- **Security:** Only the Tenants(s) named on the tenancy agreement for the plot may use the padlock code. (Other family members/ helpers should ideally be admitted into the area by the allotment holder. Common sense applies here but the allotment holder must ensure the obligation not to share the code is explicit and agreed before allowing others' access). Tenants are responsible for any visitors they bring onto the site.

The gate after opening should be closed and relocked at all times, without the code showing, except when an allotment close by a gate is being tended and that person has been asked and has agreed to keep an eye on the gate. You must ensure the gate is properly locked behind you when you depart

- **Vehicle Access:** From the last Friday in September, there is no vehicular access to the Recreation Ground. From the first Monday in April, when ground conditions allow, motor vehicles may be taken across the Ground, along the centre line of trees. Remember the Recreation Ground is a public open space. **PLEASE DRIVE AT A MAXIMUM SPEED OF 5 MILES PER HOUR AND BE AWARE OF CHILDREN AND DOGS who must be given priority at all times. ALWAYS DRIVE FORWARDS – DO NOT DRIVE IN REVERSE.** Tenants should not use this access as a car parking facility. You are expected to drop and go within a few minutes, not leave your car whilst you work on your allotment. Tenants can use their code on the combination padlock to gain vehicle access

although the padlock and chain are usually taken off during the summer. The code is available only to allotment holders and members of the sports clubs. Individual requests for access during March and October, can be made to the Parish Council via the Clerk.

- **Water Supply:** The water supply is turned on when the public toilets are operational (1 April – 31 October). Tenants should use water sensibly, turn taps off after use and follow any hose pipe bans or restrictions. When using hoses please use the paths and take care not to cross neighbouring allotments.
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- The Allotments Group provides a table for produce swaps and two noticeboards.
- Compost Deliveries (free horse manure) are arranged through the summer by a fellow allotment holder.

Clerk to Ash Parish Council
11 June 2026