



Sir John Stirling Maxwell Allotment Gardens, Bankhead, 2060 Pollokshaws
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Rules and Regulations - 2023

1. The members shall be renters of plots. Each member shall sign a condition of let, acknowledging receipt of the Rules and Regulations, ignorance of which shall not be deemed an excuse should any infringement occur.
2. Members shall pay a membership fee on joining, the yearly rent and any levies authorised by the Committee. The Committee has the discretion to waive a new member's first year rent if plot condition is poor at the time of let. On resigning, a member shall remove their property and return the gate key within 14 days. New members shall be probationary members for the first year and can be required to resign at any time by the Committee during that time.
3. Rents must be paid by the start of the AGM unless written notice with a satisfactory reason is received by the Committee beforehand. Rents not paid by that time will be deemed a vacation of the plot. No money acquired from the sale of huts/greenhouses will be handed over until the Committee has received the said plot holder's gate key.
4. Notice of complaint against a plot holder must be made in writing to the Secretary who will intimate to that plot holder, by written, tracked communication, the nature of the complaint and ask them to attend a Committee meeting where they will be given the opportunity to explain their actions. The Committee has the power to expel members and anyone so expelled shall remove their property and return their key within 14 days.
5. Any member wishing to appeal against a Committee decision must lodge their appeal, along with 20 signatures, within 14 days of the original committee decision. An Extraordinary General Meeting will then be called within a further 14 days.
6. The Gardens shall be used for growing fruit, flowers and vegetables for personal use and shall not be used for storing non horticultural materials. No new grass should be grown on plots. New plot holders that inherit grass must keep it trimmed at all times. Dumping of rubbish, weeds etc. in any plot, occupied or empty, is not allowed.
7. A plot shall be rented by one person only and the cultivation of it shall be confined to the renter's family and Associate Member if designated. Anyone unable to cultivate their plot

temporarily must advise the Committee of an acceptable substitute. Plot holders going on holiday and asking an outsider to attend to their plot must inform the Committee in writing.

8. No person shall rent more than one plot. All applications concerning plots shall be made in writing to the Secretary. Members seeking transfers shall have first option, then new applicants. Transfers are not granted during the first two years in any plot. Applicants wishing a transfer must have kept their plots clean, tidy and well cultivated for at least two years prior to the privilege of a transfer being considered.
9. All greenhouses/sheds to be erected shall have a footprint of no more than 13m² overall. All buildings must be at least 450mm inside common boundary fences. No works are to start until the plans are approved by the Committee. Perimeter fences must be erected around all plots, these to be not more than 900mm high and maintained in good condition. Each plot number should be clearly displayed.
10. Every plot shall be kept clean, tidy and in a good state of cultivation. Main paths adjoining must be kept clean and clear of weeds.
11. Plot inspections will be carried out by Committee members four times per season, first during February as a baseline, then during the second weekend of April, June and August prior to Open Day, and results communicated confidentially to individual plot holders. Plot holders who do not meet the criteria or written comments will be invited to discuss mitigating circumstances and offered help. Thereafter if the same plot fails to comply with the criteria over two subsequent inspections, including into the following season, written notice will be issued giving 14 days notice to comply, after which time a notice of eviction will be issued in accordance with the current Rules.
12. Hedges and trees must be cut to the satisfaction of the Committee at least twice a year, once within two weeks before the Open Day. Trees should be limited to 2.4 metres in height.
13. Dogs or other animals shall not be allowed into the Gardens unless under proper control and on a lead. In the event of damage, the owner or plot holder concerned shall be responsible for damage done.
14. Wheelbarrows are provided for general use and no member shall retain one for longer than one hour. After use, barrows shall be returned to the designated storage area. Barrows should not be taken from the Gardens, other than to the roadway alongside the Gardens.
15. The gates of the Gardens shall be kept locked at all times.
16. Cycling is not permitted in the Gardens.
17. The Committee has the power to remove from a plot any plant they deem injurious.
18. On the day of outside judging, no member should be in the grounds between 9a.m. and 12noon.
19. On Open Day no visitors will be admitted to the grounds until the event begins.

20. No member shall enter the grounds under the influence of alcohol and drugs, nor consume the same on the premises. All members shall behave in an orderly manner and be liable for the conduct of persons brought into the Gardens by them. Staying overnight, awake or asleep, in any area of the grounds is not acceptable and could result in expulsion. Children should remain in the family plot unless accompanied by an adult.
21. Dumping of refuse on adjoining land is forbidden and will meet with expulsion.
22. Pilfering or theft will meet with instant expulsion, as will theft from vacant plots.
23. Hosepipes are allowed for watering plots for a maximum time of 15 minutes. A hose must be disconnected and priority and courtesy given to a neighbour with watering cans who needs water.
24. The burning of waste during the months of April, May, June, July, August, September and October is banned. The Committee will not be held responsible for any prosecutions or fines imposed under Environmental rules.
25. No vehicle shall be driven on the road leading to the Gardens at a speed which is excessive in relation to pertaining circumstances and at any time speed should not exceed 20 miles an hour.
26. Parking in the turning area is forbidden.
27. Water tanks are only to be used for drawing water. The cleaning of implements, vegetables or hand washing in the tanks is strictly forbidden.
28. Preference will be given to applicants from the immediate locale, but if plots are available these may be let to applicants from outside the area at the discretion of the committee.
29. All members are expected to donate produce or otherwise contribute to the annual Open Day.
30. No new members will be allowed to sit on the committee during their probationary year.
31. A member may only enter another member's plot only when permission is given by the plot holder.