

Conditions for Plot Holders at the Bohemia Walled Garden

Garden Horticulture objectives

Plots can be rented to BWGA members for the purpose of growing vegetables and fruit. We are a COMMUNITY GARDEN and therefore we encourage the sharing of horticultural knowledge.

Conditions

- Plots are free to educational organizations for growing/learning.
- Plot fees run from 1st January to 31st December.
- All Plot Holders must be registered members of the BWGA.
- Priority will be given to those making a contribution in the form of willingness to help with tasks at the garden (e.g. weeding) share skills, help at events, and committee work.
- The committee reserves the right to allocate or re-allocate space in the garden based upon the needs of the applicant and to meet the garden objectives.
- The BWGA is completely run by volunteers. Therefore we expect Plot Holders to contribute to the maintenance of the garden community areas. We suggest 1 hour each month in the growing season (April to November) to help in other ways as possible (e.g. at events, with IT, to join the committee.)
- The maximum size of a plot is 25 square metres. Plot measurements are to the nearest half metre.
- The charge from 2016 is £1.20 per square metre per year.
- A code lock is used for garden security. This is for member use only and must not be disclosed to external parties.
- The tool shed is open most Sundays and Wednesdays 10-12 and there is a members' tool box which must be kept locked.
- Any diseased vegetation should be removed and disposed of, to ensure the health of neighbouring plants.
- You must make efforts to clear weeds before & during flowering stage to prevent spreading by seed.
- Weeding the paths is a big task. We ask all Plot Holders to weed the path near them or in the garden in general.
- Plants should not be allowed to spread beyond a Plot Holder's boundary.

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- Fruit bushes, not fruit trees can be planted.
- Composting – Please see the notices about the compost bins, compost pile and 'pernicious' weed disposal.
- Water is 'gathered' when it rains. Please use sparingly as the source is often limited. At times Plot Holder's may need to bring water to the garden (for example in summer)
- General waste needs to be taken home and not left at the garden. We have no regular collection by the council.
- The BWGA communicates with Plot Holders via E-Mail. We ask that you check your email regularly and advise us of any changes in address. Messages are sent from info@bohemiawga.org.uk Please ensure that you check your SPAM or PROMOTIONS folder as sometimes our messages end up there.
- No permanent structures are allowed.
- BWGA Plot Marker posts will define the plot boundaries.
- If you are unable to visit the garden to maintain your plot, please get in contact and we will see what assistance we can provide.
- Plots must be cultivated throughout the year. There will be plot inspections four times a year (April/May, June/July, August/September, October/November).
- If at any time it is noted that a plot is not being cultivated the following process is followed:

STAGE 1: We will contact the Plot Holder by email to advise them that their plot is in need of attention. We require a reply during the following two weeks to acknowledge receipt of this email and to advise us of their intentions. We will try to offer any assistance we can with the plot if circumstances require that.

STAGE 2: Should there be no reply after those two weeks, a second contact will be made, that will say "If there is no contact within one week, the plot will be reallocated without refund".

STAGE 3: A third contact will be made to confirm the reallocation.

Plots are always in demand and there is nearly always a waiting list.

If you are unable to make use of your plot, we usually have people wanting to take it over.