

Safety and Site Information for Plot Holders

GENERAL SAFETY

- The BWGA (Bohemia Walled Garden Association) have made all reasonable efforts to keep the site safe, but ask members and visitors to be aware & alert while using the garden.
- In an emergency call Fire, Police, Ambulance using 999-Give location as "Bohemia Walled Garden" in Summerfield Woods by Hastings Law Courts in Bohemia Road, Hastings, TN34 1QX. Send a person to meet the emergency services on the main road. Emergency procedure is on the notice board, inside the garden.
- For Non Urgent calls - Please call 101.
- The ground is uneven in places, so look ahead for changes of level.
- Areas that could be hazardous will be marked by red & white tape. Please keep out of such restricted areas.
- Tools must not be left on paths and be aware that tools are in use, in your immediate area. All tools to be cleaned and put away (if marked with blue, green and white paint) in the member's tool box and the door to be closed but not locked. No tools to be left around the garden.
- Leave enough room between yourself and another person working.
- A first aid box and the accident book is on-site and available at all times in the green shed, as the code for the lock is the same as the main door code. Please record all accidents in the book provided if possible or inform us via info@bohemiawga.org.uk. Members are responsible for administering their own first aid.
- Children are welcome in the garden but their guardian must be aware for their safety at all times.
- It is each member's responsibility to ensure their anti-tetanus injection is up-to-date and aware of other soil risks. If unsure visit your doctor.
- At least 1 working mobile telephone must be on site whenever the garden is in use (either on Wednesday's & Sunday's, or when plot holders visit).
- Please report all tools damaged to info@bohemiawga.org.uk and notify where it has been left. A committee member should be advised at the same time if present.
- Please wear suitable PPE (Person Protective Equipment) such as gloves and boots for any work proposed in the garden.
- Risk assessments are completed and are regularly reviewed. Please familiarise yourself with their content. Relevant risk assessments are available at events. General Risk assessment a copy is kept in the white box in the shed.
- Plot holders should bring their own drinking water, hand washing gel/water and sensible clothing and footwear for the weather.

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SITE RULES

- The Walled Garden is NOT an Allotment.
- There is a selection of "communal tools" which are available on Wednesdays & Sundays and are labelled with blue, white and green paint and must be cleaned after use.
- A member's tool shed is available with a selection of tools that are accessible at all times. This tool shed must be kept closed.
- Buildings may not be erected.
- As water is not piped to the site, members will need to bring water if necessary.
- Water used from a communal source to be used responsibly & sparingly.
- Organic matter may be disposed of in the compost area. No food waste is allowed.
- The garden should not be left unlocked whilst unattended. Therefore the door must be locked by the last person to leave the site.
- When the garden is open, the padlocks on the main door must be attached to the bolt and be locked in a way that the bolt cannot be moved and people cannot be locked in the garden. The lock must be scrambled at all times.
- All combination locks are the same and changed from time to time. The code will be told to plot holders when a plot is allocated.
- An internal bolt on the main door may be used when a member is alone in the garden. If you lock the door, then please listen out for others who may want to enter.
- No responsibility is accepted for loss or damage to property on site.
- A waterless toilet is provided. No chemicals must be used with it. Sanitary products should be taken for home disposal.
- All rubbish must be taken away as there is no collection.
- Dogs are welcome but need to be on a lead.
- All Under 16 Children to be accompanied by a responsible adult who is accountable for their behaviour and any first aid required.

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SOIL BOURNE HUMAN DISEASES

Whilst tending the garden is generally a safe occupation or hobby the possible health risks from contact with soil should be born in mind when working at the Bohemia Walled Garden. The PDF file attached by S Jeffery & WH van de Putten does provide some indication of the potential amount of organisms that can cause soil borne human diseases.

The actions that most adults will take like washing or sterilising hands before eating after contact with soil and manure and ensuring any open wounds are covered are sensible precautions and apply to children as well as adults. The document on the button below produced by JRC Scientific & Technical Reports provides comprehensive information on the organisms that exist and the degree of risk.