# Conditions for Plot Holders at the Bohemia Walled Garden

<u>Garden Horticulture objectives</u>
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.

<u>Conditions</u>

- Plots are free to educational organisations 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.)

- A maximum of 25 sq m per plot. Plot measurements are to the nearest half metre.

- The charge from 2022 is £1.50 / sq metre per year.

- A code lock is used for garden security. This must not be disclosed to unauthorised people without agreement by the committee.

- The tool shed is open to members which must be kept closed when not in use.

- 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. Plots need to be kept clear of grass. Winter  manure is permitted.

- 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-holders boundary.

- Fruit bushes, not fruit trees can be planted.

- Composting - see the notices re 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 Holders may need to bring water to the garden. (For example in the summer.)

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- General waste needs to be taken home and not left at the garden. We have no regular collection by the council.

- Plots must be cultivated throughout the year. There will be plot inspections 3 times a year. (March/April, June/July, September/November)

- Sunday Opening Rota - All Plot Holders are required to commit to at least one Sunday during the growing season (10am-12pm 1 March to 30 Nov weather permitting) to open the garden in order to fulfil our commitment as a community garden to open to the public. A member of the committee will attend too. This involves being on site to open at 10am and close at 12pm.

- Uncollected Produce - As we are a community garden and only in exceptional circumstances, where the committee observes uncollected produce on an untended plot, we reserve the right to harvest said produce so it does not go to waste.

- 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](mailto: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 usually define the plot boundaries.

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 if possible or by phone, letter). We will try to offer any assistance we can with the plot if circumstances require that.

**STAGE 2**: Should there be no reply after 2 weeks a second contact will be made that will say "If there is no contact in 2 weeks the plot will be reallocated without refund".

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

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