



GUIDELINES FOR NEW ALLOTMENT TENANTS

Welcome to a world where an allotment can be an absolute joy but also time consuming and quite hard work.

These guidelines are aimed at helping you with your new plot.

WAM has a number of formal documents and request forms for tenants. These can all be found and downloaded from our website at www.wamplots.org/documents. All forms can also be found in a WAM folder in the allotment shops at West Tarring and Chesswood Farm.

Firstly, we ask that you take time to thoroughly read [WAM Allotment Tenancy Terms & Conditions](#) (T&C's) so you are fully conversant with all requirements and rules. These can be found as above.

Not all plots will be fit for growing as soon as you take over but after 3 months, we expect the plot to be showing signs of progress with at least 25% prepared for cultivation with this increasing every 3 months or thereabouts so by the end of your first year the whole plot will be ready to grow what you like best.

If you wish to erect a shed, greenhouse or polytunnel on your plot, you will need to complete and submit a [Permission to Erect a Structure form](#). This details the permissible sizes but please also refer to section 10 of the WAM T&Cs for further rules.

You are encouraged to attend your plot regularly all year round (weather permitting) as there will always be something that needs attention, even in winter months, i.e., keeping paths surrounding your plot neat and tidy; weeding; harvesting winter crops; general tidying and preparing for the next season winter digging or mulching etc.

It is always surprising how quickly weeds can take hold of a plot generally but especially if it has been left for a while. Weeds seem to grow better than almost anything else, so we ask that weeds are not left to go to seed and spread to the neighbouring plots but are removed on a regular basis.

WAM Overseers carry out regular monthly inspections of all plots. Tenants of untidy and/or neglected plots will be given a friendly reminder to get back on track. If no progress has been made, a letter of non-cultivation (NCL) will be sent giving one month to bring the plot up to the expected standard. A notice to quit (NTQ) would be issued if the NCL is not acted upon.

If you do find your personal situation changes which restricts your ability to tend your plot and you are struggling to keep it in good order, please speak to your overseer who may well be able to suggest ways to help your particular situation.

ENJOY YOUR ALLOTMENT!