

Society bylaws

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1. Each plot shall be let at an economic rent, to be fixed by the Committee payable in advance on 1st October each year, provided always that in case the tenant shall neglect to pay the rent 28 days herein named for payment thereof, it shall be lawful for the Society to take repossession of the plot of land and thereupon the tenancy shall be absolutely determined, but without prejudice to the Society's right to the recovery of rent due in arrears.
2. No member shall be allowed to continue as a tenant who has not paid all subscriptions and rent due to the Society. All defaulters to be reported to the Secretary.
3. The plots shall be let in order of application from a register of applicants kept by the secretary should there be more applicants than there are plots available.
4. No plot or part thereof shall be sublet or transferred without the consent of the Committee.
5. No building of any kind shall be larger than 6ft by 6ft by 6ft high and shall be placed in position to be determined by the Committee and any plot holder wishing to dig a well shall apply to the secretary for permission.
6. No fruit or rose bush shall be planted within 3ft of road or path. The growing of fruit trees is prohibited without permission from the Committee.
7. No dogs shall be allowed on the ground unless on a leash, nor shall young children be allowed unless accompanied by an adult.
8. No rubbish of any kind shall be deposited on road, ditch or path.
9. Each tenant shall give up 9 inches on each side of his plot to provide a path.
10. No barbed wire is to be used as a fence adjoining any path set out by the Council for the use of the occupiers of the allotments.
11. No notice or advertisement is to be erected on the allotment.
12. Water butts are not to be used for the washing of tools, containers or produce. Many diseases are transmitted in water i.e. club root, wilts and rust.
13. The sighting or suspected presence of rats or other vermin should be reported to the secretary at once.
14. Poisons and chemicals shall not be left on site.
15. Each tenant must keep his plot under proper cultivation, also use his best endeavour to protect the fences, his neighbour's produce, and keep his path in repair.

16. Each tenant shall be provided with a key to the site on payment of a deposit, and shall not enter or leave except by the gate provided for the purpose, and on leaving must securely lock the gate.

17 Any person wishing to give up his plot should give the Committee notice and no compensation of any kind shall be claimed by or paid to the tenant.

18. No household shall be allowed to rent more than one plot without the consent of the Committee.

19. All the above Rules and Regulations shall be strictly enforced and shall be considered as part on an agreement existing between the Society and the tenant. The Society shall have the right of re-entry and possession of the ground for breach and non-performance of any such rule.

20. Any matters arising, not provided for by these Rules and Regulations shall be decided by the Committee.

21. Members shall be residents of the London Borough of Hackney and existing members who move out shall be required to relinquish their plots. The exception to this rule being members who were originally members of the Stoke Newington Gardeners Guild at the time it merged with HAS

22. Henceforth Springdale Road Allotment Site be designated an organic site, as agreed by all current plot holders. Offers to future plot holders will be made subject to their agreement to garden organically.