



Stevenage Gardens and Allotment Association



Welcome

We are delighted to welcome you to allotment gardening in Stevenage. We hope that you will take much pleasure from your hard work and endeavours, the rewards can be worth it.

This leaflet contains some information that we hope will help you on your way.

It looks easy

There are many benefits to allotment gardening. However, having an allotment plot is not as easy as it might look! It requires regular maintenance and visits year round, no matter what the weather. It does take a lot of time, effort and dedication. But take heart, the more you put in the more you get out!

Plot size

Allotment plots are sized using the old measurement of rods. We let plots from 2.5 to 5 Rods (62m² to 125m²). In order to assist new allotment gardeners we generally let smaller plots, which are more manageable.

Don't be fooled - these plots may look small but you will be amazed at the time it will take to keep on top of it, and the amount of crops you will be able to produce. Please ensure that your plot is clearly numbered at all times.

What to grow?

You are required to keep your plot cultivated at all times. Cultivation means the main area of the plot shall be used for the production of vegetables, fruit and/or flowers. Getting your plot to a good condition can initially take extra effort, but once there regular maintenance will usually suffice.

Keeping your plot as a grass or uncultivated area will not be acceptable.

Regular inspections will take place to identify any plots not being adequately cultivated, and letters will be sent to those plot holders.

If you are having difficulty keeping your plot cultivated please let people know. Your Site Agent, or other plot holders, may be able to help.



Rubbish and compost

Bonfires are not permitted on any allotment site.

Please be responsible with your rubbish. Only bring items in to the allotment site that you intend to use on your plot. Flytipping is an offence, and you may incur a fine if you leave debris anywhere on site.

Most sites have facilities for the disposal of green waste. However, if you wish to produce your own compost you can contact WasteAware for discounted compost bins (www.wasteaware.org.uk or tel: 08457 425000).

For more information on what the recycling centre in Caxton Way, Stevenage will take, please contact WasteAware.

Site maintenance

Plot holders are responsible for cutting the grass paths / roads and hedges adjacent to their plot. Grass will need to be cut every two to three weeks during the growing season, and hedges at least twice a year – take care not to disturb any nesting birds.

Stones, waste plant material and other debris left around the edge of your plot, or anywhere else on site, will be considered flytipping and you may incur a fine. Please take time to read the terms and conditions of your Allotment Agreement carefully.

If you have any queries, or require additional information / advice please contact:
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