

TREDEGAR ALLOTMENT RULES – proposed at EGM on 11th May 2019

1. The main gate must be kept locked at all times. The only exception being if members are transporting things in and out.
2. Anybody entering the site does so entirely at their own risk. Any accident or injury that they might sustain is not the responsibility of the Committee or of any Association member.
3. All members are expected to behave responsibly at all times and promote a friendly atmosphere on the Tredegar site.
4. When taking over a plot, a member is expected to cultivate a minimum of 25% of the land within the first year and 75% every year after that. The remainder (25%) can include a grassed area, shed and compost bin(s).
5. Any type of reasonable cultivation of the plot will be considered by the Committee. However, the guiding principle will be that the plot is used mainly for the cultivation of fruit, vegetables and flowers for the plot holder and his/her family.
6. No member may own more than two plots and a second plot will only be granted once a member has shown that they are able to adequately maintain an existing plot (see rule 4)
7. If a member has not cultivated their plot by the time of the AGM in mid-April, they will be deemed to have surrendered membership of the Association and their plot will be reassigned.
8. Water will be switched off at the end of September and switched back on in April. Only designated members are permitted to do this.
9. Members may use hosepipes to fill water butts but not 1000L tanks. Sprinklers are not allowed.
10. Bonfires should be kept to an absolute minimum and smoke should at no time be allowed to bother local residents. Between May 1st and September 31st, bonfires are permitted only after 5pm.
11. Children must be supervised at all times and not cause a nuisance to other members.
12. Dogs are permitted on the site, but must remain on a lead or restrained within a compound. Dogs making a persisted nuisance of themselves may well be banned.
13. Greenhouses are permitted [maximum size 4m long x 1.8m wide], but should not be constructed using conventional glass.
14. A small shed may be constructed on each plot, and all members are encouraged to collect rain water run-off. 1000L tanks are acceptable to collect the rainwater only.
15. Members must respect both shared amenities and only go on plots worked by other members if invited to do so.
16. Structures (excluding a shed) are not allowed on a plot unless the structure is used only for cultivation, has been licenced by the authority and does not impede any other plot.
17. Weed killer cannot be used by members without discussion/approval from a Committee Member.

18. Members must not deposit rubbish of any kind (including metal and glass) on the main paths; paths adjoining plots; alongside the metal shed; or outside the main gate. Members are responsible for removing all such rubbish from the site.
19. The upkeep of the Main Path will be the responsibility of the Committee. Paths adjoining plots will be reinstated where currently no path exists with members having joint responsibility for adjoining path maintenance.
20. Plot fences are to be maintained by the member. Any fence that is unsafe, will be removed by the Committee and disposed of appropriately.
21. Tyres of any description are not to be brought onto the site.
22. Anybody not respecting these rules will be given a written warning by the Committee. Should behaviour continue, membership of the Association will be revoked in line with the grievance procedure.

ADDENDUM TO THE RULES

6. The registered Member will be the main user of the plot; named on the Tenancy Agreement; and be liable for annual Membership fees when they fall due.
7. Plot inspections will take place twice a year: March and August. No advance warning will be given.
11. Once on site, children must remain within the members plot boundary unless they need to use the toilet, in which case they must be accompanied by an adult. Children are not to ride bicycles round the site.
15. All new members will be given an information leaflet when they join and instruction as to how to use the toilets. Neither the Committee, nor any of the members, are responsible for sun beds, BBQ's and other non-cultivation related leisure items left on plots or in the community barn. It is the responsibility of the member to ensure such items are secured/stored after use.
16. No trampolines, slides, paddling pools or other children's play equipment will be allowed on a plot other than a swing and only if the seat is removed at the end of each day and stored securely.

RULES GOVERNING TREDEGAR ALLOTMENT HOLDERS' ASSOCIATION

The role of Tredegar Allotment Holders' Association is primarily to manage the Tredegar allotment site, which is accessed via King Edward Avenue or Marcet Road in West Dartford.

Membership of the Association, which is limited to those holding a signed tenancy agreement, will be through the payment of an annual subscription, payable at the annual general meeting. The amount of the subscription shall be adjusted annually to represent the Association's running costs and be agreed by the members.

The AGM will be held each April. All members are expected to attend. Those unable to do so can either nominate somebody else to represent them; otherwise they should send an *apology for absence* to the Committee.

An AGM can only take place if a quorum exists. This is defined as 10% of the total members.

At the AGM, a Committee consisting of three equal members shall be nominated by the membership. The make up of the Committee should, where possible, reflect its membership in terms of age, gender and ethnicity.

Each person wishing to stand for the Committee must be proposed by two members. Appointment for what will be a 12-month term will then be via popular vote. At each AGM, the existing Committee will step down and seek re-election where appropriate. However, membership of the Committee is limited to three consecutive years, with no right of return within two years thereafter. The aim, where possible, is to ensure that at least one new member replaces an incumbent Committee member each year.

The role of the Committee is to implement policy adopted by the membership and to interface with appropriate officials at Dartford Borough Council and with other service providers.

Annual accounts will also be presented to the membership at each AGM, where any other business pertaining to the Tredegar site will be discussed in open session.

In addition to the AGM, extraordinary general meetings of the Association can be held at the discretion of the Committee. Alternatively, should 8 or more members of the Association wish to request an EGM, the Committee will do its best to expedite this as soon as possible.