

## Ashford & District Smallholders (Middlesex) Ltd.

### Members Registration Form (30<sup>th</sup> July 2025)

- Please notify the committee of any change of your telephone number, postal or email address.
- Rents must be paid by 31<sup>st</sup> December for the following year.
- The sales hut is open almost every Sunday morning from 11am to 12 noon, where a member of the committee can be contacted if required.

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In addition to the rules set out in the society's membership card, members should observe the following:

**Safety on site:** Members must ensure that no items, materials or structures on their plots represent a hazard to themselves, other members or visitors. The committee reserves the right to remove, or order the removal of, any item, material or structure that is deemed to be a risk or hazard to any member or third party. Paths surrounding plots must be kept clear of obstructions and reasonably level. Children must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times when on site.

**Breach of rules:** Members are expected to cultivate their plots, and must comply with the society's rules. The tenancy of any member who fails to observe the rules of the society, its health and safety policy or the directions of the committee, may be terminated after one month's notice.

**Sheds, greenhouses, etc:** Any member wishing to erect or replace a shed, greenhouse or any other structure, or keep livestock, must first apply to the committee for permission, setting out the proposed dimensions, location, etc. Members do not need permission for routine maintenance and minor repair work, but must obtain permission before carrying out substantial reconstruction work. Sheds, greenhouses and similar structures must be not larger than 8ft x 6ft in plan, and not more than 7ft 6ins high. Each member is permitted to have one shed and one greenhouse or polytunnel per plot. However, existing structures may remain in place. New structures requiring committee approval include netting tunnels and roofed-over decking areas and similar, and fences. The society's policy is to keep the site as open as possible. Fences around plots can cause shade and inconvenience to other members, and will not generally be permitted. Concrete must not be laid for bases or paths.

**Pumps:** Members wishing to sink a pump must first obtain the approval of the committee. All pumps must be open for use by any other member.

**Bonfires:** See our Updated Bonfire Policy 2020. Bonfires can cause nuisance to other members and to residents neighbouring the site. Bonfire smoke has resulted in complaints and the threat of prosecution, and the committee recommends that bonfires should not be lit. Members doing so will be personally responsible for any nuisance caused.

**Rubbish:** Domestic or garden rubbish should not be brought onto the site. Broken glass can cause serious injury, and must be removed from the site. Please do not leave your rubbish for someone else to take away. Members found doing so will be dismissed from the society.

**Trespassing:** Members must not trespass on, or remove items from, another member's plot.

**Dogs on site:** Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times, and must not be allowed to stray onto another member's plot.

Starting date ..... Name .....

Address ..... Phone.....

E-mail ..... Plot No..... Reg No.....

Plot Band	Annual Rent	£	Deposit	* £50.00	Key	£10.00	Total	£
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\* £50.00 deposit will be returned to the plot holder if the plot is returned in a reasonable condition (as directed by the committee) and if all keys are returned to the Society

Member's signature ..... Registrar's signature .....