

Ashford & District Smallholders Ltd

Members Rule Book

Rules

1. Each member shall keep his plot free from weeds, and shall manure and cultivate it.
2. No member shall cause a nuisance or annoyance to any other member or occupier on the Holdings.
3. No member shall under-let or transfer his plot without the written consent of the committee, but such consent should not be unreasonably withheld.
4. Each member shall respect such directions as the committee find necessary for guarding the interest of the society.
5. Each member shall pay the rent for his ground twelve months in advance. Rents are to be paid from 1 October and not later than 31 December in each year. Any member whose rent is outstanding at the end of the year shall receive no further notice, and the plot or plots in question should be declared vacant.
6. In the event of any member wishing to end the tenancy of his plot or plots, that member shall give three months notice in writing to the Secretary. Should any crops remain in such ground, the committee shall determine their value to the society (if any) and whether, and to what extent, any compensation shall be granted, and such decision shall be final.
7. In the event of any member neglecting to cultivate his ground, or otherwise infringe the rules of the society, the committee shall have the power to terminate such member's tenancy at the end of one months notice, given in writing by the Secretary. In no case shall the defaulting member be given compensation. In the event of the defaulting member desiring to cease his default and cultivate his ground, the committee shall have full discretion to revoke, or not revoke, their notice, and their decision shall be final.
8. Any member who grows roots, plants or other crops for sale, and in so doing causes soil to be removed from his ground, shall replace the same.

Members are also asked to comply with the following:

1. Bonfires should NOT be lit. They cause nuisance to other members and our neighbours, resulting in complaints from the Environmental Health Officer. Members will be personally responsible for any nuisance caused, and may be prosecuted.
2. Members wishing to erect a shed, greenhouse or other structure, or sink a pump, MUST first seek approval from the committee. Pumps MUST be open for use by all members.
3. Concrete MUST NOT be laid for bases or paths. Paving slabs may be used instead.
4. Domestic or garden rubbish should NOT be brought to the site. Broken glass can cause serious injury, and MUST be removed from the site.
5. Members should NOT trespass on, or remove items or crops from, another member's plot.