

# Stuart Road Allotment Society Ltd

**Founded 1918**

*Affiliated to the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Ltd.*

**Chair: Midge Cameron**

**Secretary: Brendan Maton**

## **INFORMATION SHEET FOR NEW MEMBERS**

### **SHOP**

Seeds, fertilisers, compost, and more, can be bought at the Society's shop, which is in the community hut. The shop is generally open between April and November on Sunday mornings from 10-12pm. The volunteers can assist with purchases and will take note of any suggestions or queries you might have regarding gardening on your plot. If you have any comments or suggestions on any other issues, please either write these in the book in the shop, or email the allotments on [stuartroadallotmentsociety@gmail.com](mailto:stuartroadallotmentsociety@gmail.com)

### **WHEELBARROWS**

These are located outside the shop and can be borrowed by ploholders but must be returned immediately after use.

### **SHEDS/GREENHOUSES**

Due to restrictions in the Society's lease with its landlords the erection of sheds and greenhouses is only permitted on application to and approval by the Committee. Details of these can be found in the by-laws on the website. Note that all greenhouses should have plastic windows, no glass is permitted. Please email the address above and we will get back to you.

### **TOILETS**

These are located inside and to the left of the Elland Road site entrance. Your gate key will open the doors.

### **FIRST AID KITS**

These are located in the toilets and the committee room.

### **ACCESS VIA FULL GATE ON BORLAND ROAD**

Vehicle access is not permitted on site except for disabled access and shop deliveries. Anyone with permitted access may park vehicles near the shop on the hard standing only and may not be driven on other paths around the site. For disabled access you will need the padlock code in addition to the site key. This can be obtained by emailing the site address (see above)

### **STRIMMERS/POWER TOOLS**

These are permitted between 8am and 8pm; if your strimmer is particularly loud, you may also want to try and avoid the early morning/late evening hours, out of consideration for our neighbours. If you are buying a strimmer, please consider getting a rechargeable one as opposed to petrol-driven.

### **PLOT INSPECTIONS**

Inspections take place each month, during February to November, when allotment committee members conduct an inspection of each plot to ensure the society rules are being followed. We inspect the plots according to the criteria below:

- At least half of the plot must be cultivated or dug over
- No significant growth of weeds
- Paths in safe condition with grass cut reasonably short
- No excessive rubbish

If a plot holder fails on any of these criteria, they will receive a letter from the Secretary advising them of this. If the plot “fails” on three separate occasions during the year, then the plot holder will be asked to vacate the plot. It is your responsibility to contact the society if you have specific circumstances which mean you’re unable to look after your plot temporarily. We would strongly encourage you to let us know via the email address; we are prepared to be lenient if necessary, but only if we know that there is a problem!

### **DOGS ON SITE**

Dogs are welcome on site but only if they are kept on leads so they remain on the plot of the dog owner. Failure to comply with this could result in the plotholder being asked to relinquish their plot.

### **FIRES and RUBBISH**

The lighting of fires on site is prohibited. The dumping of rubbish on site is prohibited. If you wish to recycle materials please do not leave them outside the shop for people to help themselves as it encourages others to dump rubbish. All rubbish must be removed off the site by the plotholder. Failure to comply with this could result in the plotholder being asked to relinquish their plot.

### **THEFTS**

Thefts sometimes happen so don’t leave valuable equipment on site. Report any thefts to the Hut.

### **WOODCHIPS**

Occasionally we have deliveries of woodchip which are left outside the shop. Feel free to help yourself.

### **SKILLS**

The Allotment Society is run entirely by volunteers. If you have any skills which could be of help to the community, e.g., plumbing, building, computing, accounting, a pair of hands, please contact a member of the committee, or the Secretary, via the email address above, to let us know how you would like to contribute.

### **SAFETY**

The site is a working site and all members and visitors are responsible for their own safety and the safety of others whilst on site, also they are responsible for carrying out their own risk assessment, and act in accordance with the Society’s rules. Please read notice boards or ask advice at hut if required.

### **RULES**

The Society rules and by-laws are available to read on the website:  
[stuartroadallotmentsociety.wordpress.com](http://stuartroadallotmentsociety.wordpress.com)

**WELCOME! MAY YOU HAVE MANY YEARS OF GOOD GARDENING!**

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