



SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Introduction

This policy addresses how Hart Allotments* accommodates 'green' and 'environmental' issues - such as promoting and encouraging wildlife, caring for the local environment etc.

Supporting Wildlife

Hart Allotments:

- encourages the provision of bird/bat/hedgehog houses
- promotes supplementary feeding of garden birds, especially during the winter and spring
- promotes wildlife friendly gardening

Recycling

Water

Individual plot holders may collect water on their plots in their own water butts. See the Buildings and Structures Policy for details. Hoses will not be permitted on site.

Composting

Plotholders may provide their own composting bins on their site. The location of these must not shade any part of a neighbouring plot.

Diseased or infected plants (such as plants infected with potato/tomato blight) must not be disposed of in the composting bins as this could affect the quality of the compost and destroy future crops. The diseased or infected plants must be put into plastic bags so as not to spread the disease and removed from the site for further disposal (such as burning or putting into the refuse bins). Plotholders are requested to notify the committee of any plant diseases they encounter.

Bonfires

Due to health and safety reasons, (risk of burning, drifting of smoke, environmental issues) Hart Allotments does not permit plot holders to have individual bonfires on the site.

Use and storage of chemicals

Hart Allotments discourages the use of potentially harmful chemicals in allotments and promotes organic alternatives (such as non-toxic slug pellets). Only commercially available products from garden or horticultural suppliers shall be used for the control of pests, diseases or vegetation.

When using any sprays or fertilizers the Tenant must:

- take all reasonable care to ensure that adjoining hedges, trees and crops are not adversely affected and must make good or replant as necessary should any damage occur and

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- select and use chemicals, whether for spraying, seed dressing or for any other purpose whatsoever, that will cause the least harm to members of the public, game birds and other wildlife, other than vermin or pests and
- comply at all times with current legislation on the use of such sprays and fertilizer.

The storage of chemicals and fertilizers on site (such as in sheds etc) is not allowed.

The use of carpets on the allotments (perhaps as a weed suppressant) is not allowed due to toxic chemicals that could leech out of the carpet and contaminate the soil. Weed suppressant capillary matting material is advised.

Plant approvals/restrictions

Hart Allotments needs to ensure that items planted on the allotments will not have a negative affect on the surrounding area. For this reason non-native plants will not be permitted (e.g. Rhododendrons).

The Tenant shall not plant any trees other than dwarf fruiting trees and or fruiting bushes without the prior consent of Hart Allotments. Tenant shall not without the written consent of Hart Allotments cut or prune any trees, apart from carrying out the recognised pruning practices of fruit trees

Manure

The tenant must cover any manure on the Allotment site which has not been dug in.

Unused allotments

Hart Allotments will endeavour to plant wild flowers/insect attracting/pollinating plants on any empty allotments.

Policy Implementation

HA will appoint a member of the Management Committee to oversee this policy.

Enforcement

Regular checks will be made to ensure compliance