

Additional Rules St John's Road Allotments

Laughton-en-le-Morthen Parish Council operates St John's Road Allotment site situated in Laughton-en-le-Morthen.

The allotments are provided to allow parishioners and nearby residents, aged 18 years or above, living within 5 miles of the parish boundary, the ability to rent an allotment garden plot for which annual rent is payable to the Parish Council.

Anyone wishing to be a tenant must become members of the St John's Road Allotment Society (SJrac) and pay an annual membership fee to SJrac which covers public liability on their plot.

No tenancy is valid without a signed tenancy agreement. Tenants need to read their agreement and abide by its terms. In addition, tenants need to ensure that they also follow the supplemental rules outlined in this document which can vary from time to time. A copy of these rules will also be on the Parish Council website and the allotment noticeboard.

1	Allotment Boundaries.	The tenant shall not use barbed wire for any fence adjoining any path.
		Any fences require prior written permission from the Parish Council. No Postcrete or concrete can be used in the erection of fences.
		The allotment plot should not be reduced to make a parking bay.
2	Structures.	All structures require written permission from the Parish Council. 'Structures' included Green Houses, Storage for hens, Sheds and Polytunnels. No Postcrete or Concrete can be used for any foundations required. A small number of concrete flags may be used to provide a shed base – bedded in sand. Any structures that are erected without written permission will need to be removed.
3	Water.	The Tenant shall only use the piped water supply for the filling of water butts. The water butt should be used as a water collection system to collect rainwater to reduce the need for mains water. Hosepipes are not to be used for the direct watering of allotments.

4	Keep Clean – Definition relating to Point 7 of the tenancy agreement.	Only items associated with maintaining allotments should be on site. These are essentially tools, compost, seeds and planting pots to garden your plot. Nothing else is allowed.
		Plots should be free of weeds and prepared for planting when ‘resting’ prior to cultivation.
		Proper Weed suppressant may be used for limited periods but should not be permanently laid to keep a plot tidy – cultivation should be ongoing. Carpet and other associated products may not be used as a suppressant. No Asto turf is allowed.
5	Dogs.	No dog may be kept on site. Those on site must be on a leash unless secured on the tenant’s plot.
6	Removing materials from site.	The Tenant shall not take, sell or carry away any mineral, gravel, sand, soil or clay.
7	Diggers.	No diggers are allowed on site.
8	Burning/ Bonfires	Only green waste produced on site can be burnt on individual plots, ideally in a burner. Nuisance to neighbors must be considered, a flag is located on site to ensure the wind is in the right direction. All other items should be taken to the local waste recycling center.
		No accelerants may be used to light fires, fires must be attended at all times and fully extinguished before leaving site. Before lighting any fire, the means to extinguish that fire must be easily available.
		A member of the allotment committee should be contacted before any fire is set. A site bonfire is occasionally lit to deal with larger burnable items, please contact the allotment committee if you have any of these items.
		Only waste produced on site can be burnt. Items cannot be brought on site for the sole purpose of burning.
		No business waste of any kind should be burned.
9	Guns/Rifles	No guns or air rifles may be brought/stored on site or used on site.

10	Drinking and Drugs	Tenants should not be inebriated on site. No drugs are allowed to be grown or consumed.
11	Hens	Permission to keep Hens should be sought from the Parish Council. No Cockerels are allowed on site at any time. There should be no more than 6 hens per plot.
12	Gate - security	<p>The Tenant MUST ensure that the entrance gate is padlocked on entering and leaving the site between the hours of:</p> <p>4 pm to 7 am during winter months (November to April inclusive)</p> <p>8 pm to 6.30 am during the remaining months (May to October inclusive). Please note that if yours is the only car in the car park then please lock the gate as you leave, even if it is before these times.</p> <p>At other times the entrance gate MUST be closed but may remain unlocked when entering and leaving the site.</p> <p>No tenants should enter the allotment site between 11 pm and 6 am without advising the allotment committee of exceptional circumstances.</p>
13	Personal Details	Each tenant should ensure that the Parish Council has an up-to-date home address, email and contact number at all times.
14	Vehicles	Vehicles are not allowed access onto the track unless by prior agreement of the allotment committee. Vans are strictly prohibited without prior written permission from the Parish Council. Please allow 14 days' notice. No Vehicles are allowed to remain in the carpark overnight.
		Vehicles are parked at the owner's risk.
15	Sale of Items	Items cannot be brought on site to advertise for sale, other than those sold through St John's Road Allotment Society.