



## Guidance for Members

This is a brief summary of some of the points in the Brook Road Allotment Association 'Rule' Book. A full and up to date copy of this may be found on our website [www.braa.co.uk](http://www.braa.co.uk) along with a wide range of allotment related information and topics.

1. Cultivate the plot by approved methods i.e. Prepare the soil by early spring, weather permitting, incorporating humus in the form of compost or manure
2. There are no paths between plots, unless required by individual neighbours. If you do have a path, then please keep it trimmed if laid to grass.
3. Do not park vehicles on the main paths, particularly at busy periods. Drop off your equipment and park out of the way. Avoid obstructing the passage of other drivers.
4. **Be prudent with the use of water.** An optional hose pipe licence may be purchased for watering with a **hand held** hose only. The use of automatic sprinklers is not allowed. **DO NOT LEAVE TAPS AND HOSES UNATTENDED WITH WATER DISCHARGING!** Hosepipes may be used to fill water tanks on plots without a water standpipe nearby at no additional charge. Please refill dip tanks by the taps as you take the water. Do not leave empty for the next person.
5. **Bonfires** – see rule book for information
6. Stay off other plots unless invited to enter.
7. Regardless of circumstances, thieving of crops will not be tolerated
8. Weeds: - Weeds must be dealt with before they set seeds. The Site Manager may require a tenant to deal with an area of seeding weeds.
9. No permanent structure may be constructed on the plot/site. Compost and manure containers are allowed. Please keep them to a reasonable size [not normally exceeding 2m x 2m x 1m high].
10. At the **Site Managers discretion** small sheds no greater than 6'x4' may be sited on the plot providing it does not overshadow a neighbouring plot or obstruct the roadway or communal tap.
11. A written request must be made to the Site Manager/committee for consent to erect a greenhouse (no glass) or poly tunnel no greater than 6'x8'. The above constraints for construction apply. **Any contravention of this point will result in the plot holder being asked to remove it from site.**
12. The allotment site is not a dump. Dumping of topsoil, old ironwork, rotten timber structures; useless junk of any kind is **NOT** permitted. See rule book for further information.
13. Glass is not to be used on the plot for soil warming or crop protection. Also sheets of plastic and old carpets left for months on the plot create an eyesore on the plot and site in general.
14. Children, pets and visitors are permitted on the site when accompanied by a Brook Road Allotment Association Member and are the responsibility of the member at all times. Access is only permitted to the Members plot or the communal site areas, unless invited by another member onto their plot.
15. Pets must be kept on a hand held lead or may be tethered on the Members own plot. Fouling of areas other than the Members own plot, including rough boundary areas, must be immediately picked up and subsequently taken off site for disposal.
16. A key to the main gate of the site will be supplied at the start of a tenancy upon receipt of a refundable deposit. A separate key is available for the toilet. A communal tool lock up area is provided in the container at the owner's risk. The association regrets it cannot accept responsibility for losses of tools, however caused. A key for the container can be obtained from the Site Manager, following payment of a refundable deposit. All keys remain the property of the association. **They must be returned on termination of tenancy, for whatever reason.**
17. **CLOSE and lock the main gate**, after you have passed through.
18. All instances of theft and vandalism must be reported to the Dorset Police and also to the Site Manager and/or the Secretary. See rule book for further information.
19. The membership secretary maintains a list of members who wish to move to a larger or smaller plot. These moves take priority over the external waiting list. Any move to a larger plot is dependent upon the use made of the members existing plot.
20. Please advise the Site Manager if you intend to vacate your plot.

Thank you for reading.