Bagthorpe Gardeners
GARDENS SINCE 1842

The National Allotment Society
National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Ltd

Cultivation Standards on Bagthorpe Gardens

(Please read in conjunction with our Tenancy Agreement)

To ensure that gardeners know what is expected of them when they take a plot on these gardens, the following standards have been agreed:

1. The plot should be kept clean and free from weeds. It should have good fertility and evidence of cultivation relevant to the time of year.

2. As a minimum, gardens should be cultivated in a way that does not interfere with the enjoyment of neighbouring tenants (e.g. by weeds encroaching on boundaries) or impede our ability to re-let the plot at a later date. This means that the erection of structures or planting of trees in particular should be referred to Committee for approval. Please note that existing trees should not be removed without explicit permission from the Committee

3. Paths and hedges abutting the plot are the responsibility of the plot holder and should be well maintained as not only a reasonable expectation, but also as a courtesy to other gardeners and as a personal contribution towards the whole historic site.

4. We have not set a rule regarding what may be grown on each plot (other than in point 2), but we do expect that produce for consumption will be the main crops, i.e. fruit and vegetables.

5. To maintain soil fertility and reduce long term problems we discourage the same crop being planted in the same plot year on year. Some form of crop rotation is urged.

To ensure these standards are understood, there will be a number of inspections of plots throughout the year. These will be done by Committee representatives.

If the condition of the plot is of concern, the plot-holder will be contacted (normally by email) in the first instance. It is understood that on occasions, individual circumstances can prevent sufficient time being made available to maintain plots in an acceptable condition. These will be taken into account (please note Termination Protocol). Timescales and/or other conditions (e.g. reduction in plot size) may be put in place for there to be an improvement. Where problems continue and the plot-holder is clearly not committed to making the improvements required, the Termination Protocol may be invoked as a final step. The decision of the Committee will be final.