

Wilford Village Allotment Association.

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INTRODUCTION TO THE WVAA - 2022.



General:

This document gives a brief introduction to the Association and there are additional information sheets you need to be familiar with. All our policy documentation and information is underpinned by the Allotments Act 1950 and subject to the terms and conditions set out by the superior landlord, Nottingham City Council (NCC).

Originally called the Coronation Avenue Allotments in the 1950's the site was renamed Holly Avenue in 2012 and our Association was granted Community Interest Company (CIC) status in 2016.

We are the smallest Association leasing land from the City Council and this is one of the reasons that there is a strong community feeling amongst plot holders. And as such help and support is available to both new and existing tenants from the Committee as well as other plot holders.

Management:

The Association is managed by a Committee of volunteers with officers being elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Any plot holder can stand for election and the various posts are explained in the sheet covering Roles & Responsibilities. Generally speaking roles on the Committee are held for a maximum of three years.

Committee Meetings are regularly held on site and are open to any plot holders any items for discussion can be submitted via the email address above.

Managing An Allotment Plot:

Productive use of an allotment plot can be very enjoyable and rewarding. However it does require time, dedication as well as a financial commitment.

As mentioned above there is a strong community spirit amongst the members and help, advice and support is always available.

However anyone wishing to apply to join the waiting list is strongly advised to view all our policy and procedure documentation via the website:

<https://wilfordvillageallotments.wordpress.com>

Some of the principle points are outlined below:

- Tenants personal details are held strictly in accordance with current data protection legislation / regulation. (Doc 2)
- There is no site mains water or electricity available to plot holders (Doc 4).
- No open fires are permitted and any "garden" waste not coposted is to be removed from site. (Doc 4)
- Rents are calculated on a rate per square meter to be paid by 29th September, failure to pay the rent can lead to the tenancy being terminated. It is essential therefore that

anyone having difficulty in paying their rent contact the Committee in confidence as soon as possible.

- Rent reductions are available for certain concessionary groups.
- Members of the Committee along with officers representing the freeholder, NCC, are permitted to enter any plot at any time.
- Every new tenant is subject to a three month probationary period and all plots are subject to periodic inspections by the Committee to ensure compliance with our policies, terms and conditions etc. NCC also carries out inspections of the site including individual Allotments.
- Generally each plot should have 60% of its usable area in productive cultivation i.e. producing vegetables & fruit.
- Plots are not permitted to be used for commercial purposes.
- There is a refundable deposit £ held by the Association and only returned where vacated plots are left in a reasonable condition. There is also a £5 deposit required towards perimeter gate padlocks which is non-refundable.
- Failure to comply with the Association / NCC terms & conditions may result in the termination process being implemented, subject to an appeals process. Doc 10.

Contact information:

Website: <https://wilfordvillageallotments.wordpress.com>

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