

Colerne Parish Council

Allotment Rules

To use the plot solely for the purpose of producing fruit, vegetables, flowers and herbs for personal consumption as defined by the Allotment Act (1922).

- 1) Payment of a year's rent to be made to the Parish Office by 1st April each year. The rent will be £20 for a full plot and £10 for a half plot.
- 2) The Parish Council makes a charge of £5 deposit for each gate key, the key must be returned and the £5 will be refunded following completion of tenure.
- 3) An allotment tenancy either in whole or part cannot be transferred to another person not on the tenancy agreement by an allotment holder without prior permission of the Parish Council.
- 4) Plots can be shared but the allotment correspondence and invoice will be sent to the address given on the tenancy agreement. If one person on the shared tenancy agreement wishes to give up their part in the tenancy for whatever reason or if they die, then the tenancy will automatically be transferred solely into the remaining tenants name.
- 5) A tenancy is automatically forfeited if the holder moves out of the parish.
- 6) Allotment holders who give up their tenancy are expected to return it in a reasonable state for the next tenant.
- 7) Priority will always be given to new tenants. No one person shall have more than three allotment strips.
- 8) The Parish Council reserves the right to reclaim any allotment not worked during any two month period. It must write to the allotment holder and give them an opportunity to respond before carrying this out. The rent for the year will be forfeit. Details on inspections and complaints procedures are available from the Parish Clerk.
If the allotment holder is unwell or there are other special circumstances stopping them from working their plot then please inform the Parish Council.
- 9) Following notice to terminate a tenancy any items owned, including produce may only be removed from it up to and including the final day of the tenancy. After this date it is inherited by the next allotment holder (unless otherwise agreed with the Parish Council).
- 10) Written approval must be given by the Parish Council for any shed or similar semi-permanent structure. No permanent bases or paths to be made up. Any such unapproved structures or bases identified by the Parish Council must be removed.
- 11) A clear strip of land two meters in width between the north and south boundary must be maintained by allotment holders adjacent to the boundary to allow for regular hedge maintenance.
- 12) It is important that good husbandry takes place on every allotment to ensure that weeds and seeds do not spread to other plots. Pesticides and weed killers should be used with care and consideration for neighbours.
- 13) Any stones, weeds or debris removed from a plot should be disposed of appropriately and not discarded into hedges.

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- 14) Bonfire smoke is a potential hazard to motorists, other allotment holders and users of the Recreation Ground, allotment holders should be considerate when burning allotment waste.
- 15) Please use the water with care as it is expensive and on a meter.
- 16) Only miniature or corded trees will be permitted on plots, no hedges or unwanted Christmas trees are permitted.
- 17) If you take a dog to the allotment, please ensure it is kept under control and any mess is cleared up.
- 18) No livestock can be kept on any allotment.
- 19) The storing, burning or other disposal of any waste other than an allotment holder's own allotment waste is not allowed.
- 20) Allotment holders must not enter (or remove produce from) another plot without the express permission of the allotment holder.
- 21) The Parish Council reserves the right to reclaim any allotment if the allotment holder consistently breaks these rules. That shall not occur until the holder has been written to and offered an opportunity to answer the claims.

These rules were agreed by Colerne Parish Council on 4th March 2025.

If you have any questions about these rules or any other aspect of your allotment tenancy then please contact the Parish Clerk at Old School, Vicarage Lane, Colerne, SN14 8EL, 01225 742207 or clerk@colernepc.uk