

**Bourton-on-the-Water**  
**Parish Council Allotment Rules – Cemetery Lane & Piece Hedge sites**

The tenant of an allotment garden shall comply with the following conditions.

1. A plot will only be let to residents living within the Community Charge catchment area of Bourton on the Water.
2. The allotment garden must be kept clean, tidy and in a good state of cultivation and fertility. Particular attention must be paid to the prompt removal of seeding weeds, and perennial weeds must not be allowed to get out of control. A minimum 80% of all plots should be cultivated during the growing season, with the remainder of the plot being kept in a tidy and weed-free condition. It is the tenant's responsibility to mark and display the plot number at all times.
3. The tenant shall not obstruct any path set out by the council for the use of the allotments or cemetery. There must be a path between each adjacent plot and these paths must be maintained to a minimum width of 50cm (20 inches), and be kept level and properly cut and trimmed by the adjacent tenants.
4. The tenant shall keep every hedge that forms part of the allotment garden in good repair, properly cut and trimmed.
5. Permission can only be granted for **one** construction per half plot, i.e. a shed (6' x 4') **or** a greenhouse (8' x 6') – maximum dimensions are shown in brackets. On a full plot, one shed and greenhouse of the above maximum sizes will be permitted. All constructions must be maintained in good weatherproof and serviceable condition. Sheds and greenhouses can only be erected with the written permission of the Council. Permission for sheds and greenhouses in excess of the stipulated size will not normally be granted.
6. Poly tunnels will not be permitted.
7. The tenant must not keep any livestock on allotment land.
8. No rubbish other than garden refuse may be deposited on tenants' allotment gardens.
9. No electric fence or barbed wire to be installed on allotments.
10. Tenants are asked to respect the communal grassed and parking areas. Any manure delivered to the site may only be stored temporarily on a communal area if placed on a ground sheet, but must be removed within 3 days in order not to cause permanent damage.
11. Dogs will only be permitted within the allotment garden areas if on a lead.
12. All tenants will be required to respect circulated NSCA Environmental Protection guidelines in respect of the lighting of bonfires in order to minimise smoke nuisance to neighbouring tenants and residents. Tenants must put out smoking bonfires, if asked to do so.
13. The tenant shall not cause any nuisance or annoyance to another tenant.
14. There is no permitted vehicular access to the Cemetery Lane site from Greystones Lane – this entrance is for pedestrian access only.
15. The tenant shall not underlet, assign or part with the possession of an allotment without the consent of Council.
16. In the first year of tenure allotment holders shall only be permitted to rent one half plot.
17. Additional plots will only be allocated to existing tenants if there are no new applicants on the waiting list.
18. Any member or officer of the Council shall be entitled at any time to enter and inspect an allotment garden.
19. All tenancies are effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January each year. The rent for an allotment garden shall be paid annually, in advance, on receipt of the Rent Demand. Payment of the rent automatically implies acceptance of the Council's Rules.
20. If any tenant fails to comply with the aforementioned conditions the Parish Council shall at its discretion terminate the tenancy at one month's notice.