

Dorrington Road Allotment Association



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Proposed Rule Amendments 2011

Bee Keeping Rules

Criteria for keeping bees on your plot:

1. Plot holders who wish to keep bees must have been a member of their beekeeping club for a period of one year, and, whilst they have bees on their plot they must continue to be members of their local beekeeping club. You will need to provide a letter or email from your club confirming this.
2. Beekeepers must make themselves available for inspection by FERA, should a Bee inspector ask to inspect their bees.
3. The committee requests that the beekeeper's be honest about the results of any inspection and make any information available if necessary.
4. Plot holders must consult their adjoining plot holders before placing bees on their plot.
5. All beginner beekeepers must have an 'expert' or mentor beekeeper from their beekeeping club from whom they can seek guidance.
6. No one plot holder or plot may have more than 4 hives. The whole allotment site may have no more than 20 hives.
7. Beekeepers must make available to the committee and other plot holders (via a notice on the site notice board) their contact details in the event of a swarm as well as the telephone number of the club of which they are a member.

Management of Bees

8. In the event of a swarm, the beekeeper must arrange for the swarm to be captured or removed immediately.
9. Beekeepers should site their hive (s) appropriately and be considerate of other people nearby when opening up their hive (s).
10. If non beekeeping plot holders see a swarm, they can contact the number on the notice board.

Policy regarding Bees

11. Where bees are causing a nuisance, beekeepers may be required to make changes to their beekeeping practices and/or the position of their hives.
12. Plot holders must not go onto plots where bees are kept unless a committee member is entering a plot on committee business, for example, a plot inspection.
13. Plot holders who keep bees must have appropriate public liability insurance independent of any insurance policy provided by the allotment association. You will need to provide a copy of this to the committee before you will be allowed to keep bees. Annually, you will need to provide a copy of your insurance policy to the committee.
14. Failure to follow any of the above rules may result in plot holders being asked to remove their bees from the site or being given notice to quit the site.

Fruiting Trees

The plot holder must seek permission from the committee before planting any new tree.

Only fruit producing trees of dwarf root stock M27 (very dwarfing) or M9 (dwarfing) may be grown on your allotment. Trees should not be planted where they will cause an obstruction to a neighbouring tenant or a residential neighbour. Trees should not be allowed to grow in such a manner that they will cast shade on a neighbouring plots. The tenant shall not plant any shrubs, conifers or trees that are decorative, non fruiting, or have non edible fruits and if these already exist, they should be managed as fruit producing trees.

The committee reserves the right to refuse permission for the planting of any new tree.