

Bidford On Avon Allotment Association (the Association)

Allotment Inspections

This document needs to be read in conjunction with The Rules

1. Probationary tenancy and inspections.

The first 3 months of a tenancy is a probationary period. During this time we will regularly inspect the Plot for progress.

- You must start work within 14 days of taking the Plot
- Weeds must be removed forthwith
- Monthly reviews will be undertaken. A minimum level of cultivation must take place as follows:- 10% after 1 month, 25% after 2 months, 50% after 3 months.

At the end of the 3 months the Association will expect the Plot to have the minimum 50% level of cultivation. Failure to achieve this may lead to the service of a failure notice and subsequently to termination of the tenancy.

After 12 months from take up of the tenancy it will be expected that at least 75% of the Plot will be under Active Cultivation (as defined in Clause 4 of the Rules).

Members are encouraged to read the Rules in order that they are fully aware of what is considered as Active Cultivation.

2. Normal Inspection Process

2.1 Generally 3 inspections of each Plot will be carried out during the growing season i.e. between February and November.

2.2 A Member may receive a notice if the Plot is not in Active Cultivation or if there is another breach of The Rules.

2.3 Such notice will indicate the breach/es identified and specify the timescale/s required to remedy the same.

3. Failed Inspections

3.1 If a Plot fails an inspection any notice served on the Member shall be served in accordance with Clause 15 of the Rules.

3.2 The Plot will be reinspected following the expiration of the timescale/s specified in the notice. If the matters specified in the notice have not been remedied then the Association may proceed to terminate the tenancy as indicated in the Rules.

3.3 If on reinspection the Association appreciates that there has been significant action taken to comply with the notice then another timescale will be given in substitution for that previously given. On further reinspection the provisions of 3.2 will apply.

4. Appeals

4.1 If a Member does not agree with the breaches identified in a notice or the timescale for compliance served following a failed inspection then the Member may appeal against such notice Provided such appeal is made in accordance with Clause 16 of the Rules and lodged before the expiration of the timescale/s specified in the said notice.

5. Termination of Tenancy

5.1 If following the procedures in this document the Association proceeds to terminate a tenancy the Member must refer to Clause 16 in the event that the Member wishes to submit an appeal. Time is of the essence in such circumstances.

This document was approved at a meeting of the Bidford on Avon Allotment Association held on the _____ day of _____ 2025.