

# Bidford On Avon Allotment Association (the Association)

## Bonfire Protocol Relating to the Allotment Site at Salford Road, Bidford

1. This Protocol incorporates all matters mentioned contained or referred to in the Associations Constitution and The Rules and shall be read accordingly.

2. A Member is to be encouraged to compost as much organic material as possible, as recommended by The National Allotment Association (NAA).

3. Bonfires are permitted on a Members Plot but only subject to the requirements and restrictions specified below, and subject to the **Environmental Protection Act 1990** ("The Act").

4. Members should take note that breach of these requirements and restrictions may result in **termination** of their Tenancy Agreement and may lead to prosecution under The Act.

5. The following requirements and restrictions shall apply in the event of a Member wishing to have a bonfire the Plot: -

- **Only organic material** existing or created on the Members Plot can be burnt, and in so far as is possible, only dry material.
- For the avoidance of doubt, **none of the following may be burnt** – Plastics or Foam, Rubber, Carpets, Bedding, Furnishings, Roofing felt, Treated or Tanalised timber (e.g. railway sleepers) – **nor any other non-organic material or non-garden waste**.
- Consider local weather forecast and the direction of the wind before setting a bonfire alight.

6. In the event of a reasonable complaint from another Member or a member of the public regarding a nuisance being caused by the bonfire activity, the bonfire must be extinguished.

7. A Member shall extinguish a bonfire if so requested by a Member of the Committee

8. A Member shall not burn material from another Plot on his/her Plot.

9. Any Bonfire on the Members Plot must be attended by the Member at all times and must be fully extinguished before the Member leaves the Plot.

10. No accelerant (i.e. petrol/paraffin/gas/methylated spirit or BBQ liquid) material can be used to start a bonfire.

11. A Member shall be responsible at all times to ensure a Bonfire does not get out of control and any damage caused to any adjoining plottolders property or that of any third party shall be the responsibility of the plot holder' Use of an incinerator is recommended.

12. A Member is responsible for the actions of any other person who known to them causes a Bonfire to be set on the Plot.

13. Any damage to property on another Plot or injury to another Member or visitor caused or as a result of a Bonfire on the Members Plot shall be the responsibility of that Member.

## Statutory Provisions.

Section 33 Environmental Act 1990

'It is an offence punishable by a fine of up to £50000.00 and/or 5 years in prison to treat keep or dispose of controlled waste in a manner likely to cause pollution of the environment or harm to health'.

Clean Air Act 1993

'It is an offence to burn any material which gives rise to dark or black smoke. Such materials include (but are not limited to) rubber, painted or treated wood or plastic- maximum fine is £300.00.

These Bonfire Protocol requirements and restrictions were approved at a General Meeting of the Association held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

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