

Keynsham Allotments Corona Virus Guidelines

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To All Plot holders

Following the Government Roadmap Step 2 announcement on 12th April 2021 regarding the revisions to the restrictions on social movement and gatherings, the Guidelines for using the Allotments have been changed.

Allotment Gardening is considered by the Government to be a form of daily exercise and obtaining food during this crisis, so unless and until the Government instructs otherwise, these allotments will remain open for use by plot-holders together with any people who are known to the Association as assisting a plot holder with a specific plot.

We recognise that Allotments provide both mental and physical benefits to its gardeners and wherever possible that should continue. However, the site is not a public park and should not be used for family recreation. The allotments are remaining open at present for the purposes of growing food and tending plots.

Please follow the Allotment Guidelines otherwise we may have to close these facilities without notice. Thank you for your co-operation in these unprecedented times.

Keynsham Allotments Association/Keynsham Town Council.

From 12th April 2021 the Government is permitting you to visit your allotment during this lockdown, the rule of six outside now apply, meaning that six people or two households may meet to work on your plot.

Please remember to practise social distancing and stay two metres apart.

Social Distancing must be observed at all times by those not in the same household and these allotments are NOT to be used for recreational gatherings.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Keynsham Town Council and Keynsham Allotments Association instructions for keeping these allotments safe for both you and other users during the Coronavirus pandemic.

- » **DO NOT** attend the plot if you or a family member have coronavirus symptoms or a family member is self-isolating or you have been told to isolate by Track and Trace. This includes people who need to isolate after returning from holidays abroad. You must self-isolate for 10 days.
- » **DO NOT** visit the allotments if you are in receipt of any direction to shield.
- » The rule of six applies at two households may now meet on your allotment.
- » People from different households must keep a social distance of 2m at ALL times
- » It is **ESSENTIAL** that the only people allowed onto the plots for the duration of the emergency are family, friends or co-workers of the registered plot holder who shall be responsible for their conduct.
- » If you take your children to the plot, ensure that they stay within its confines and do not run around on communal paths and spaces.
- » **KEEP** hand sanitiser with you or in your shed and wash your hands regularly and wear gloves. Do not wash your hands in water troughs.
- » Take a flask of hot water, soap and paper towels to the plot with you
- » **USE** hand sanitiser/wipes before opening and closing any gate locks or sheds.
- » **DO NOT** share tools, equipment or wheelbarrows.
- » **NO** Bonfires or Barbecues. Smoke can affect those recovering from COVID or with other respiratory conditions.

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CHANGES TO NORMAL PROCEDURES WILL MEAN:

- » The toilet will be closed until further notice.
- » The association's strimmer will no longer be available for member's use.
- » The main gate will need to be shut at all times so there will be a return to the normal procedure for accessing the site.
- » To access the site the initial entry will be via the smaller pedestrian gate and then via the main gate if vehicle access is needed. Please follow the hand sanitising advice referred to earlier when entering and leaving.
- » Members (the plot holder) **MUST** be present for ALL deliveries to open and close the gate as required.
- » Will the last person out please ensure both gates are shut and locked

Town Council staff shall visit all allotment sites throughout lockdown to ensure these rules are adhered to. If for any reason these rules are not followed, Keynsham Town Council and the Allotments Association reserves the right to close these facilities without notice. Thank you for your co-operation in these unprecedented times.