

Houghton Allotment Holders' Association (HAHA)

How the Association manages the site

- Annual (or part-year) subscription per plot, currently £20 + £5 per plot as contribution towards general site maintenance costs. Payable each January, to Houghton Allotment Holders' Association (HAHA).
(Lloyds TSB - Sort code 30 – 99 – 71 A/c No 61219860)
- Allotment holders are to keep their plot 'tidy' and to ensure weeds are removed before going to seed to avoid weed/seed head contamination
- Plot holders are responsible for maintaining the edging and paths around their allotment.
- Appropriate space must be maintained between the hedges and fencing around the whole site to enable access for hedge and fence maintenance.
- Perimeters must be maintained by HAHA; consequently, periodic 'allotment working parties' are needed to do this work.
- Spraying with SBK (which kills thistles but not grass) and 'Round-Up are permitted as weed killer/control treatments
- Small compost bins may be maintained on each allotment
- Larger quantities of compost/manure imported onto the allotment site must be spread within a reasonable period
- Garden waste must not normally be brought onto the allotment for burning; if exceptionally, allotment holders need to bring garden waste from their own garden, it must be burned within 7 calendar days (so as to reduce the chance of wildlife nesting)
- The water trough should always be left full to the brim.
- Shed owners should ensure a weed-free area around their shed eg bark chippings.
- Broken/surplus tools and equipment must be removed from the site
- Any trees (eg fruit trees) planted on allotments must be of 'dwarf stock' and must not be permitted to grow to more than 6 ft in height.
- No non-organic rubbish may be imported onto the site
- No livestock may be kept on allotment, with the exception of beehives
- The following are not permitted on the Allotment Site:
 - Poly tunnels
 - Artificial lighting
 - Radios
 - Generators
- Allotment owners' dogs are permitted on site, provided they are kept under control

Note: as and when a Lease is drawn up between the Landowner and Houghton Parish Council, HAHA will formally rent allotments from Houghton Parish Council.

As at July 2016