



HAYWARDS HEATH TOWN COUNCIL

Allotments in Haywards Heath Frequently Asked Questions

Question	Answer
<i>What do I have to do to get an allotment?</i>	<p>Contact Helen Hewett at Haywards Heath Town Council.</p> <p>Visit: The Town Hall, 40 Boltro Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH16 1BA</p> <p>Telephone: 01444 455694</p> <p>Email: allotments@haywardsheath.gov.uk</p>
<i>Where are the sites?</i>	<p>The Council is responsible for 4 sites in the area: America Lane and Oathall Avenue are managed directly; Vale Road and Summerhill Lane are managed by independent associations of plot holders.</p>
<i>Is there a waiting list?</i>	<p>Yes, there are currently waiting lists on all sites. When you decide which site suits you best the Council will give you advice on how long you may have to wait.</p>
<i>How much will it cost me?</i>	<p>At the two sites managed by the Town Council the maximum plot available initially is 2.5 rods which will cost £15.60 per year. A discount of 50% is offered to senior citizens, or if you are in receipt of Income Support or Job Seekers Allowance. Proof of age or benefit entitlement will be required before the discount is applied. Rents at the other two sites are set by the independent associations</p>
<i>How big is the plot?</i>	<p>New applicants will be offered half-size plots of 2.5 rods each. You can then go back on the waiting list for another 2.5 rod plot. The maximum size of any plot for one household is 5 rods. Click here for a simple explanation of rod measurements.</p>

<i>Do I have to live in Haywards Heath to qualify for an allotment there?</i>	Yes.
<i>What sort of facilities does the site have?</i>	All of our sites have a number of water tanks connected to the mains supply, for which there is no extra charge. Where the Council is directly responsible for a site this also covers management of hedges, grass verge cutting etc. The site at America Lane has a toilet. There are no toilet facilities at the Oathall Avenue site.
<i>Is there any guidance on looking after it?</i>	Download our Top Tips for allotment holders, for handy hints on looking after your new plot.
<i>Are there rules on things I can and can't do on the allotment?</i>	You are expected to maintain your plot in a good condition at all times and there are regular inspections to ensure this is done. The Tenancy Agreement (downloadable example on the allotment homepage) contains a list of things you are expected to do as well as providing some examples of things that are not acceptable.
<i>What happens if I can't look after it as much as I'd hoped?</i>	There is a three month trial period for each new tenancy during which you can decide if you have enough time available to keep the plot to a good standard. If at the end of that time you don't feel it is working out, then let the Town Council know by contacting them directly. If at any time the regular plot inspections find that your plot is below the expected standard the Town Council will contact you to advise you of this, ask you to put it right and tell you how long you have to do so. If you still find yourself unable to comply at the end of this time then you will be asked to give up the plot.
<i>Can I pass it on to a friend to look after for me?</i>	No. The plot is allocated to one person within a household and sub-letting is not permitted.