

Code of practice on sheds and other structures

1 Where a full plot is sub-divided into two smaller plots, only one shed may be erected on the full-plot area; it is suggested that this could be shared between the two plot-holders.

2 Members considering erecting any structure on their plot are asked to consult their neighbours on the site and be prepared to compromise about the size and location of any structure.

3 Subject to rules 1 and 2 above, members may erect sheds, greenhouses, polytunnels and other structures up to the size 7ft by 5ft (base area) or the metric equivalent. Anyone wishing to erect something larger – or a fruit cage - must apply in writing to the Committee. They will be invited to present their case to the Committee when it next meets.

4 Sheds or greenhouses should not be erected less than 18 inches from a communal path in order to allow room for machinery to be operated on the paths.

5 Sheds should be used solely for storing materials for use on the allotment.

6 Members might generally like to consider shed-sharing with their plot neighbours in order to share the costs and reduce the amount of land used for the purpose. The Committee will look favourably at requests for permission to build sheds larger than 7ft by 5ft where they are to be shared.

7 Members considering where on their plot to erect a shed might like to consider doing so on the highest point of the plot, thus reducing the risk of flood damage to their shed and its contents. For the same reason, placing sheds on sleepers or other supports makes sense.

8 Members should be aware that there is a history of sheds being broken into on the site. It is not advisable, therefore, to store valuable tools or other items of value in wooden sheds. Members are entirely responsible for the security of sheds and their contents.

9 Members considering erecting greenhouses on their plot should be aware that such structures have invited vandalism in the past.

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