## Gatley Hill Allotment Society (GHAS) Rules 2021/22

The rules will be issued and signed for at the commencement of taking up a plot or in the case of existing plot holders where no signed agreement exists.

The rules can be amended by the agreement of the majority at an AGM or Special/ Emergency GM.

- Membership of the national and local associations is compulsory. The annual fee is payable with the annual rent payment, due by 31<sup>st</sup> January.
- A refundable key deposit of £20 is payable by all new tenants. Any lost or extra keys must be obtained by payment of a similar deposit.
- A copy of equal opportunities, diversity, child protection, social and environmental policies will be available on request and displayed on the notice board.
- Applications for the erecting of structures, sheds and greenhouses must be made in writing to the committee. A structure is defined as being over 5ft.
- Plot holders must allow inspection of their plot and buildings by members of the committee and a disciplinary procedure <u>may</u> be applied if appropriate or the plot is not being regularly attended.
- Plot holders are responsible for the maintenance of paths and/or fences around and between their plots.
- Plot holders must ensure that manures/composts brought onto the site are from a reputable source, are well-rotted (at least one year old) and are covered to prevent the growth of invasive weeds. Members are responsible for remedying any issues in a timely manner. The Committee reserve the right to intervene if these pose an issue for the site.
- Plot holders must not obstruct main paths.
- Plot holders must remove all broken glass and non-compostable materials from the site in a safe and timely manner.
- Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times and must not cause a nuisance to others. Excrement should be removed from the site by the owner.
- Children are the responsibility of the parents/carers and as such should not be allowed to cause a nuisance to others.
- Complaints should be made in writing to any member of the committee.
- Access to the site is via the main gate only, unless by committee consent.
- The keeping of livestock is not permitted on the site.
- Plot-holders are required to complete the sub-tenancy form, in line with Stockport Council guidelines, when taking on a plot or for existing plot-holders if the form is amended.
- A copy of the committee duties and responsibilities is available on request.