

SALE HORTICULTURAL AND ALLOTMENTS SOCIETY

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SHAS Allotments Waiting List

I understand you are interested in renting an allotment plot at the SHAS Grosvenor Road Allotment Site in Sale.

There are currently about 15 people on the waiting list for plots; and the waiting time for a vacant plot is typically 12 to 18 months.

Enclosed with this letter is a note, "Can you manage an allotment plot?" highlighting some of the commitments that go with being a plot holder. Will you please read it, and decide if you still want to join our waiting list.

We require all people on our waiting list to be members of SHAS. Therefore, if you would like to join the waiting list, please complete the Membership Application Form below and return it to me. Your membership will be confirmed, and we will let you know where you are on the waiting list.

The current annual membership fee is £7.50 per person.

No payment is required with your application; we will ask you for payment in the January following acceptance of your application, or when you get a plot, whichever is sooner.

Tony Turnbull
SHAS Membership Secretary

Application for Membership of SHAS (Annual Fee £7.50 - payable from next January)

Please put an 'X' in all relevant boxes:

Wanting a Plot ☐ Claiming Concession Rate for plot (over 60) ☐

Title: Initials: Preferred Name: Surname:

Address:

Telephone No: Email Address:

Signed Date.....

Please return by post to: Tony Turnbull, 7 Guardian Court, Oakfield, Sale, M33 6WG
Or leave in our Trading Hut (see www.shas.org.uk/TradingHut for opening times)

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Concession Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	Database Updated	<input type="checkbox"/>
Date Paid	_____	Amount Paid £	_____
		Received By (Initials)	_____

By providing us with the above information, you are giving your consent for us to hold and use this data. Our Privacy Policy is available on our website: www.shas.org.uk/Documents

CAN YOU MANAGE AN ALLOTMENT PLOT?

Having an allotment is a fantastic way of growing your own vegetables, getting out in nature and improving mental and physical health, the rewards are great but you should be aware that tending a plot of land does take time and effort. As you are thinking of taking on a plot you should satisfy yourself that you can devote the time and effort necessary, and these notes are intended to give you an idea of the commitment involved.

How much time does it take to cultivate a plot?

The time you need to spend on your plot depends on the size of your plot, the season, what you are growing and your own level of gardening experience.

As a rough guide, you should expect to spend at least 6 to 8 hours a week tending a plot during the main growing season – and perhaps even more during busy periods when planting and picking. Tasks are too numerous to list, but a few of them are listed below:

- Seed sowing and planting
- Weeding – weeds grow most of the year round and can need continual clearing
- Mowing grass paths around your plot and keeping the edges tidy
- Composting or removing from site any weeds and rubbish
- Harvesting produce
- Hedge cutting – where your plot has a hedge boundary

Even outside the main growing season there is always something to do. Prospective plot holders do sometimes underestimate the commitment involved in maintaining a tidy and productive plot.

Plots are subject to regular inspections and must be kept in a good state of cultivation at all times. New plot holders are subject to a 6 month probationary period. During this period they must show that they are able to manage and maintain their plot effectively. Failure to do so can result in the tenancy being terminated.

All plot holders must comply with the rules of the Society which are contained in the Allotment Handbook, available on our website: www.shas.org.uk/documents

How much does it cost?

Plot holders (and applicants for plots) must be members of SHAS. The annual cost for 2024 is £7.50. Membership gives you:

- Access to our onsite 'Trading Hut' offering garden products at competitive prices
- Regular copies of our newsletter 'Grass Cuttings'
- Access to talks and events organised by the Society

Rent for a plot is payable at the rate of £0.41/m² (current rate for 2024). Plots range in size from under 50 to over 300 square metres, and the full rent for a typical plot of 120m² would be £49.20 per year, with a 50% reduction for over 60's.