

SALE HORTICULTURAL AND ALLOTMENTS SOCIETY

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Dear

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SHAS Allotments Waiting List

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

There are currently about 15 names on the waiting list for plots; and to give you an idea of how long you may have to wait for a vacant plot, we have rented plots to 10 new people in the last year.

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, would you please complete the Membership Application Form below and return it to me together with the appropriate membership fee (cheque payable to 'SHAS') at the address above. Your membership will be confirmed, and we will let you know where you are on the waiting list.

Yours sincerely,

Tony Turnbull
SHAS Membership Secretary

Application for Membership of SHAS for 2016 (Fee: £4.50, Over 60's £4.00)

Please put an 'X' in all relevant boxes:

New Member ☐ **Renewal** ☐ **Concession (Over 60)** ☐ **Wanting a Plot** ☐

As it is easier, quicker and cheaper, we will send you our 'Grass Cuttings' newsletter by e-mail if you have given us an email address. But if you want to receive a printed copy, please put an 'X' in this box ☐

Title: **Initials:** **Preferred Name:** **Surname:**

Membership No. **Membership Type:**

Address:

Telephone No: **Email Address:**

Signed **Date**.....

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Concession Member ☐

Database Updated ☐

Date Paid _____ Amount Paid £ _____

Received By (Initials) _____

Can you manage an allotment plot?

Allotments have seen resurgence in popularity over recent years, with a result that SHAS now has a long waiting list for empty plots. Before applying for 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:

1: Cost.

Plot holders (and applicants for plots) must be members of SHAS. The annual cost is currently a modest £4.50 for members under the age of 60 years and £4.00 for members aged 60 years and above at the start of the year.

Membership gives:

- Access to our 'Trading Hut' offering garden products at competitive prices.
- Regular copies of our newsletter, 'Grass Cuttings' full of news and advice.
- Access to talks and events organised by the society.

In addition, rental for plots is payable, currently at the rate of £0.32 per square metre. Available plots range in size from 60 to 180 square metres, and an average sized 120 square metre plot would cost around £40 per year rental.

Finally, you must allow for the cost of tools, seeds, plants, fertiliser etc, all of which will hopefully be rewarded by the crops you produce!

2: Rules.

All plot holders must comply with the rules of the Society, including:

- Plot holders must maintain their plots in a tidy and productive state at all times. Failure to do so will result in a warning and possibly notice of eviction.
- Plot holders must maintain an 18 inch border around their plot in good order (including any hedges which form a border to their plots)
- Produce can not be sold by plot holders
- New plot holders will be subject to a 3 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 without notice at any time during this period.

3: Time

The time you need to spend on your plot depends on the season and what you are growing, but there is always something to do, and many prospective plot holders underestimate the commitment involved in maintaining a neat and productive plot.

As a rough guide, you should expect to spend at least 8 hours a week tending a plot during the growing season – but more during busy periods such as planting and picking!