

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 12 people on the waiting list for plots; and the average waiting time for a vacant plot is about 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, would you 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 £4.50 per person or £4.00 concession rate for members aged 60 and over.

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 £4.50; over 60's £4.00 - payable from next January)

Please put an 'X' in all relevant boxes:

Wanting a Plot

Claiming Concession Rates (over 60)

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

Address:

Telephone No: **Email Address:**

Signed **Date**.....

Please return 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)	_____

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Can you manage an allotment plot?

Plots are subject to regular inspections and must be kept in a good state of cultivation at all times. Therefore, 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 £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 you:

- Access to our 'Trading Hut' offering garden products at competitive prices.
- Access to our annual Plant Sales, with bedding plants and baskets available 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 £0.41 per square metre. Plots range in size from 60 to 180 square metres, and the full rent for a typical plot of 120 square metres would be £49.20 per year, with a 50% reduction for over 60's.

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 cannot 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 6 hours a week tending a plot during the growing season – but more during busy periods such as planting and picking!