

New member information

Kesgrave Allotment & Leisure Gardening Association was created by a few residents from the village who had a wish to grow vegetables, fruit and flowers but only have limited space in their own gardens. KALGA came into existence from 2008/9 with the main objective of obtaining allotments for residents of Kesgrave and the surrounding area

Unfortunately there was no land available within the Parish of Kesgrave and the local council was unable to accommodate any allotments. So those few members worked tirelessly speaking to local farmers and land owners in the hope of finding land to rent for allotments for the Residents of Kesgrave.

In 2011 they achieved their goal when they received an approach from the owners of Lux Farm at Playford who offered to lease 5 acres of land and allow KALGA to set up a private allotment site.

KALGA allotment's is a Private Company Limited by Guarantee run by its members for its members and any funds raised are ploughed back into the running of the site.

Points to be aware of

- Please ensure that the main gate is locked at all times after you enter and after you leave the Allotment Site.
- You must have at least $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Allotment Garden under cultivation of crops after 3 months and at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of the Allotment Garden under cultivation of crops after 12 months and thereafter.
- The maximum amount of the Allotment Garden allowed to be hard landscaped e.g. patio, internal paths etc is 20%.
- You must use the plot as an allotment garden only for the production of vegetable, fruit and flower crops for consumption or enjoyment by you and your family and for no other purpose and keep it free of hazards, e.g. no glass or scrap metal etc., and reasonably free from weeds and noxious plants and in a good state of cultivation and fertility and in good condition.
- You must not enter onto any other plot at any time without the express permission of the relevant plot holder and you must not remove produce from any other plot without the express permission of the relevant plot holder.
- Unfortunately we can not plant any trees other than dwarf fruiting trees and or fruiting bushes and fruit trees must be in containers / pots.

You must keep every hedge that forms part of the boundary of your Allotment Garden properly cut and trimmed, all pathways between plots trimmed and well maintained up to the nearest half width by each adjoining tenant, and keep in repair any other fences and any gate or shed on your Allotment Garden

- All site boundary road and pathways must kept clear and tidy at all times
- All members are responsible for maintaining their northern path (nearest the gate) and external paths; these must be kept clear at all time and must be a minimum of 18 inches wide.
- You must not use any barbed or razor wire (or similar) for a fence adjoining any path on the Allotment Site
- You must ensure that the main access gate is closed and locked at all times. (For the protection of lone tenants and prevention of unauthorised visitors.) (The emergency services will be given access by either any tenant's on site at the time or Site Manager if available if not the Farmer – see details on the back of allotment site sign).
- All members are required to practise sensible water conservation, "eg. utilise covered water butts on sheds and consider mulching as a water conservation practice" etc.
- Water is provided from the water tanks on site and we ask that you show consideration at all times for other tenants when extracting water from water points. Please ensure blue water taps

are turned off after use (during the height of summer the water tanks at the far end of the site are slow to re-fill after use [due to heavy usage by all] so please turn off water supply to tanks as soon as you have completed).

- No hoses are to be used at any time Water bills are issued annually
- No fires are permitted on the Allotment Site.
- Dogs are allowed on the Allotment Site if they are held at all times on a leash, and remain on the Tenant's Allotment plot only. Any faeces to be removed and disposed of off site by you.
- You are not permitted to keep any livestock (hens or rabbits) on the Allotment site.
- You can erect a garden shed and greenhouse e the maximum size is 8ft x 6ft x 7ft or polytunnel the maximum size is 10ft x 8ft x 9ft and positioning of which, can be found on the attached document
- Only glass substitutes such as polycarbonate, Perspex or other alternatives may be used in any permitted structures.
- All non compostable waste shall be removed from the Allotment Site by you.
- Carpets or underlay are not allowed on the Allotment site

Please feel free to ask any plot holder member for gardening advice, but we are all enthusiastic amateurs