



STOPHAM PLOTTERS ASSOCIATION (SPA) CIC

CONSTITUTION 2015



1. Name

The name of the Association shall be the Stopham Plotters Association (SPA) CIC ("The Association").

2. Objectives

The objectives of the Association shall be:-

- 2.1 To promote the interests of all members in their gardening activities at Stopham Plotters Allotments, Pulborough ("the Allotment Garden Site").
- 2.2 To promote the proper cultivation, good management and enjoyment of the Allotments.
- 2.3 To maintain and improve the facilities and the condition of the Allotments.
- 2.4 To manage the allotment garden site responsibly having due regard for the environment and in compliance with the Wyevale Garden Centre Group (WGCG) lease and in full cooperation with the Wyevale Garden Centre.
- 2.5 To work with Horsham District Council, the National Allotment Society, Wyevale Garden Centre Group and other allotment associations and other individuals and organisations in the furtherance of these objects.
- 2.6 To raise money for the furtherance of these objectives.

3. Association Membership Rules

3.1 Membership shall be open to anyone regardless of race gender colour age or other characteristics. Members are expected to strictly comply with SPA rules which are designed to enable the SPA to comply with the terms of the lease of the allotment garden site with WGCG. Any contravention of the rules may jeopardise our management of the Allotment Garden Site.

3.2 The Rules within which the Association membership and allotment rents are to be operated are defined within this Constitution and the SPA Tenancy Agreement as follows.

3.2.1 SPA members are expected to pay their Association membership subscriptions annually by the first day of January each year , or (for new members) upon signing their SPA Tenancy Agreement, whichever is the sooner. Association membership subscriptions are charged per nominated allotment holder and not per plot.

3.2.2 Members are required to pay their annual allotment garden rent in advance on or before the fifteenth day of December for the following calendar year, or (for new members) upon signing their SPA Tenancy Agreement whichever is the sooner. By signing the SPA Tenancy Agreement the nominated allotment holder formally undertakes to abide by the SPA Constitution. In return they will have the unfettered use of a specified allotment for the year. In special cases payment of rent may be made by monthly Bankers Standing Order but at a slightly increased rate. Where more than one person shares an allotment one of them must be nominated for the purposes of rent payment, giving notice and voting at General meetings. In the event of a member failing to pay their rent within 40 days of the due date their allotment may be repossessed and re-let without notice. If in financial difficulties please contact your Association beforehand so that we can assist you.

3.3 The Rules within which the allotments are to be operated are defined within this Constitution and the SPA Tenancy Agreement as follows.

3.3.1 No member may hold more than two allotment gardens. Any member with more than one allotment garden or with a share in more than one allotment garden shall only ever have one vote at SPA General Meetings since membership is based upon individual nominated allotment garden holder and not number of allotment gardens rented. Where more than one person shares an allotment garden one of them shall be nominated for the purposes of rent payment giving notice and voting at General Meetings.

3.3.2 Anyone not wishing to renew their SPA membership shall give at least 28 days written notice to the Secretary and shall return all keys pertinent to the Allotment Garden Site to a committee member. Outgoing allotment garden holders are expected to leave fences surrounding their plot/s and those of their neighbours. Individual arrangements with incoming tenants in respect of any greenhouse or shed if originally purchased by the plot holder are acceptable. Any crops, plants or other items not removed by the termination date may be forfeit.