

Covid 19 Emergency Measures

March 26th, 2020

Following the instructions around movement and gatherings from the Prime Minister on 23 March 2020, we understand the situation at the moment it is still permitted to visit your plot, to take daily exercise on your own or with members of your household. It is vitally important that you follow all the advice about social distancing and hygiene in the points below and not gather together on site.

Any plot-holder who is **self isolating** because a household member is ill with corona-virus should not be visiting the site.

It is important that anyone attending the allotment takes care to stay the appropriate distance from others, avoid body contact and wash hands at taps, do not wash hands or use detergents in the water tanks and please pay attention to notice boards.

It is essential that no un-authorized people are allowed onto the plots for the duration of this emergency, if you do wish to bring someone to assist with work on the plot, please ensure that that I am notified. Careful consideration should be given to introducing anyone over 70, those with underlying illness or pregnant women.

We are living through a crisis, the likes of which none of us has experienced before, not since war time has the community spirit that exists on allotment sites been more important. Please remember to look out for one another during these very difficult times.

Members should take the following precautionary measures :

- Keep hand sanitiser in your shed and wash your hands regularly
- Use hand sanitiser before opening and closing any locks
- DO NOT gather together for a chat even if you are 2 metres apart **[CLICK HERE](#)** for guidance
- Observe “Social Distancing” with each other 2-3 metres
- If you take your children to the plot, ensure that they stay within its confines and do not run around on communal paths and spaces.
- Do not share tools
- Minimise the contact with each other for example no handshakes
- Do not wash your hands in water troughs
- **Click here** for guidance if you do need to clean an area that has been visited by an infected person
- If you have bees at the site take a photograph on your phone of them, based on what is happening in other countries you may eventually have to print off a government form to

leave the house but if challenged it would be good to be able to show a photograph of where you are going

- Stay away from vulnerable individuals such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions as much as possible
- If you display any symptoms of coronavirus stay at home and self-isolate for at least 14 days or until symptoms have passed.

It is important that any plot-holders over 70 years and those with underlying health issues follow the **guidance and information** issued by the government.

If you are unable to visit your plot during this time please let me know. It may be possible that weeding and watering assistance on the plots of gardeners who cannot get to the plot due to long term self isolation could be set up.

We must all consider vulnerable families, friends and fellow plot-holders and give assistance where needed.

Government advice about the Coronavirus is updated on a regular basis at this link.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>
For NHS information and advice [CLICK HERE](#)