

Guidelines and Rules for keeping birds

1) A Maximum of 4 birds for new keepers for a probation period of 1 year, per plot holder regardless of amount of plots held, and only after approval from the committee.
2) Only Chickens and Ducks may be kept , no other breed/type will be permitted.
3) No cockerels or drakes will be permitted.
4) If after the 1 year probation period is up and no complaints have been made and only after approval from the committee this amount may be increased to a maximum of 15 hens and 4 ducks.
5) Suitable housing must be supplied with plenty of space a for the equivalent amount of birds, a guideline of which is a minimum of 3 sq ft/0.3 sq metre per chicken inside coop / and minimum of 10 sq ft/1 sq metre per chicken in outside run, With access to daylight.And shelter from wind in winter. Ducks need enough room to spread their wings and stand up straight
6) Suitable substrate to be put on all floor areas where birds are kept (ie: bark or sand) and regularly disinfected and any faeces cleaned on a daily basis to prevent bad odours.

7) All precautions must be made for the prevention of rats ie, poison which must be in proper bait boxes .
8) A foot bath with suitable disinfectant must be used as recommended by Defra when entering and exiting coop and run to prevent the spread of disease.
9) Water buts/bowls and feeders cleaned and refreshed daily and out of reach of wild birds.
10) Birds are only to be kept for sole use of keeper and not for profit , Eggs can be given to other members of allotment or family and friends for a small voluntary contribution if they so wish towards feed only ,Not for sale for profit.

10)Any person not adhering to the rules and / or if complaints have been made they will be asked to remove their birds with immediate effect.

11)All defra (Department for Environment , Food and Rural Affairs) Guidelines to be adhered to regarding avian flu (see attached) and checked regularly for any updates. And any other ailments birds may be subject to ie Mites , Red Mites , Bramble Foot will need good husbandry.

12)At the end of tenancy all coop and materials are to be removed.If not removed any costs incurred by Allotment will be forwarded to be paid by plot holder.

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions,

Plot No/s :

Plot Holder : Signed :

Signed for and on behalf of Committee :