

## RED HOUSE FARM ALLOTMENT SOCIETY



### RHFAS - Plot Review Policy

It is the policy of Red House Farm Allotments Society to ensure that the sites are maintained in a workable condition to garden and to uphold the conditions of the lease issued by North Tyneside Council (copies of which may be viewed at the shop or on the website). The Committee will take all reasonable measures to ensure that this objective is met.

Through monthly plot reviews the committee of Red House Farm Allotments Society will identify issues which contravene the conditions of the Society's lease (and subsequently tenant's lease), adversely affect other members and which may pose a danger to the plot holder, other members and visitors to the site.

It is the duty of every tenant to maintain their plot by cultivating crops, controlling weeds, maintaining all structures and removing rubbish such as scrap metal, broken glass, rotting timbers, degraded plastics and debris.

### Implementation

Plot reviews will generally take place monthly, at the beginning of the month, from March to October by members of the Committee.

Set criteria will be used to establish the condition of each plot and these criteria will form the basis of plot reviews.

Plot holders who do not meet the standards set down will be informed in writing or through e-mail about the issue which needs addressing, the action to be taken and the time scale by which it must be addressed.

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	Problem	Action to be taken	Complete by
1	Weeds out of control or affecting neighbouring plot	Remove tops until weeds can be pulled up and disposed of or cover with weed suppressant.	
2	Surplus crops from the previous season have not been lifted and disposed of within four weeks of the new growing season.	Remove	
3	Insufficient cultivation. A minimum of 70% of the entire plot is not prepared for crops or has crops growing.	Clear and dig over the area	
4	Health and safety hazard e.g. unsafe structure, broken glass, sharp metals, barbed wire	Repair damage or remove.	
5	Boundaries and frontage not clearly defined maintained or overhanging vegetation present (fences, hedges, gates).	Secure, repair, remove, trim.	
6	Rubbish and non-horticultural items, such as tyres or carpets	Remove	