

RED HOUSE FARM ALLOTMENT SOCIETY



RHFAS - Policy - Chickens

It is the policy of Red House Farm Allotments Society to overview the introduction and care of chickens on the sites so that the interests of all parties are amicably fostered.

The Committee of Red House Farm Allotments Society recognises its duty as far as possible to satisfy its legal and contractual obligations to the Landlords, Council and Members and encourage good practice in the management of chickens on the site.

In order to affect the rearing of chickens in a hygienic way, without causing nuisance or contravening other legislation it is the policy of the Society that chickens will be kept to appropriate national standards e.g. NSALG, DEFRA, RSPCA and the following process will be used to ensure this:

1. No plot holder may keep chickens without written permission from Red House Farm Allotment Society Committee.
2. Establish a Chicken Officer, who will oversee the implementation of this policy.
3. Members should apply to the Secretary if they want to have chickens on their plot.
4. The Member will be asked for their intentions in writing e.g. 1 Preparation, 2 Management and 3 Exit plan.
5. The Chicken Officers will use the RSPCA criteria to review the Member's proposal and advise on improvements required.
6. If suitable i.e. in line with the criteria the Member will be able to prepare for chickens on their plot.
7. The Officers will inspect the preparations and ask for remedial action if necessary.
8. When the Member has satisfied the Officers, they will be allowed to bring on the plot a maximum of six or some lesser number of birds the Officer may think suitable e.g. in view of the accommodation to be provided.
9. Chickens must be cared for on-site to National standards e.g. including emergency contact details.
10. The Officers will conduct inspections to National standards monthly and as required.
 - a. Improvement notices may be issued. Failure to meet the requirements of the notice will result in termination of the right to keep chickens.
 - b. Closure notices may be issued. Failure to meet the exit requirements may result in termination of tenancy agreement.