

# Trumpington Allotment Society

Trumpington Allotment & Garden Society Ltd. Reg. No. 13184R

## SCHEDULE C

### CHICKEN PLOT RULES

#### **1 Introduction**

The Allotments Act of 1950 made lawful, the 'not for profit' keeping of hens and rabbits on allotments. Buildings and structures are permitted as 'reasonably necessary' for that purpose. It is responsibility of the tenant to ensure good animal welfare.

#### **2 General**

- 2.1 The Tenant must be a considerate good neighbour to other tenants and to owners and/or occupiers of adjoining or neighbouring property.
- 2.2 The Tenant must not keep cockerels on the Allotment Land. Male chicks must be removed before they begin to crow regularly.
- 2.3 Good standards of animal welfare pertaining to water, feed, shelter and wellbeing must be maintained on all plots.
- 2.4 The Tenant must not profit from the sale of hens or eggs.
- 2.5 Any proxy acting on behalf of the Tenant must be an adult and be a member of the Association.
- 2.6 The Tenant may use locks to control entry to his Chicken Plot. The Chicken Plots Manager must be provided with a spare key (to be returned at the end of the tenancy) or the key code for each lock to enable emergency access to the Chicken Plot. Keys and key codes will be stored securely. The Chicken Plots Manager will always seek to notify the Tenant before entering a plot.
- 2.7 The Tenant must immediately notify both the Chicken Plots Manager and the Membership Secretary of any changes to contact details, including postal and email address and phone number.
- 2.8 The Association seeks the Tenant's consent for her name, phone number and email address to be circulated to other Chicken Plots tenants solely for the purpose of communicating with other tenants about the Chicken Plots. The Chicken Plots Manager will circulate these contact details, if consented, to all Chicken Plot tenants. The Tenant may use such contact details solely for the purpose of communicating with other tenants about the Chicken Plots.
- 2.9 The Tenant must not make a fire on the Chicken Plot.
- 2.10 All Tenants are responsible for maintenance and upkeep of shared areas. Rubbish and materials cleared from a plot must not be dumped in the shared areas. They must be removed from the Allotment Land.

#### **3 Animal Husbandry**

- 3.1 The size of the flock must be appropriate to the size of the Chicken Plot. The Tenant must consult the Chicken Plots Manager and follow her advice about flock size.
- 3.2 The Tenant or his proxy must visit the Chicken Plot daily.
- 3.3 Animals must have continuous and plentiful access to clean, fresh water and hygienic nesting and roosting materials.
- 3.4 Animals must have access to feed in sufficient daily quantities. Animals must have adequate space provided for exercising all normal animal behaviors, foraging, dust bathing and swimming.

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- 3.5 The Tenant must follow government regulations and guidance about threats of disease including but not restricted to Avian influenza (bird flu) at all times. This may require poultry to be kept under cover.
- 3.6 The Tenant must provide birds with a suitably covered outdoor run, attached to the nesting area, as required by government regulations and guidance for flock safety during threats of disease. The covering is necessary to prevent contamination from wild bird droppings. The covered run must be large enough to maintain good animal welfare.
- 3.7 The Tenant must take care that poultry feed does not attract rats and other vermin.
  - 3.7.1 Feeding stations must be suspended above the ground.
  - 3.7.2 Feed must not be scattered on the ground.
  - 3.7.3 Feed must be kept in clean, properly maintained storage facilities such as metal bins or thick plastic bins.
- 3.8 Muck, used bedding and compostable material must be disposed of, either by composting on the plot, or by arrangement on another tenant's plot, or off site. Chicken Plots Managers can offer information about effective composting methods.

## 4 Structures

- 4.1 Chicken Huts must provide adequate space for nest boxes and for sleeping areas.
- 4.2 Sheds must only be used for storage of items used in the care and maintenance of the flock and other garden equipment for use on the plot and are subject to the requirements of Schedule 1, Clause 8.
- 4.3 Please note the requirement for rainwater collection from structures as stated in Schedule 1, paragraph 5.2.

## 5 Inspections

- 5.1 The Tenant will be notified of proposed inspection dates/times. It is the Tenant's responsibility to contact the Chicken Plots Manager, within one week, to indicate when they can be available or to suggest alternatives.

## 6 Security and Maintenance

- 6.1 Tenants are responsible for maintenance and security of boundary fencing.
- 6.2 Boundary fences must be of sufficient height to keep birds within the plot.
- 6.3 The Tenant must keep the perimeter fencing clear of ivy and for cutting back overhanging tree branches to deter access by predators.
- 6.4 The Tenant shall not without the written consent of the Association cut down any trees on the plot. Any cutting or pruning of trees should follow recognised pruning practices.
- 6.5 Newly built or reconstructed huts, sheds and runs on a plot must be constructed at least 1 metre away from fences to discourage access by predators. This helps to protect all tenants' plots and is part of being a good neighbour.
- 6.6 The Tenant must not store goods or materials on the Chicken Plot, other than those used for the care and maintenance of the flock. The Tenant must not store goods or materials in the shared areas
- 6.7 The Tenant must dispose of waste materials off site. Waste must not be left in the shared areas or anywhere else on the Allotment Land. If you are struggling to clear waste materials, please speak with the Chicken Plots Manager.

**Please attach this sheet to the Tenancy Agreement**