



ALLOTMENT HEN AGREEMENT

Keeping hens is a traditional activity on allotments, which can bring enjoyment to the keeper and other plot holders. We require that reasonable welfare standards are met

and that keeping hens does not present a nuisance to others. Within the following constraints, we hope that you enjoy keeping your hens on the Parish Council Allotments.

1. Review of Agreement

The Parish Council reserves the right to review this agreement as required. Before making any changes, the council will give you notice of such changes.

2. Tenancy

Any person keeping hens on allotment land must be an allotment tenant and is bound by the allotment tenancy agreement in addition to this agreement.

3. The Plot

An allotment tenant must obtain permission from the Allotment Administrator to keep hens on the allotment. The administrator will consider suitability, location and size of the plot.

Guidance: A plot of less than 5 poles or one which borders a residential property, or a public highway will not usually be considered suitable for keeping hens.

4. The Hens

You may keep hens but not cockerels and you must maintain a list of all birds with a full medication history and record any deaths. There should be a minimum of 2 hens and a maximum of 5 at any time to be kept on the plot.

5. The Five Freedoms

The Animal Welfare Act 2006 requires that you:

- Provide a suitable environment for the hens
- Provide a suitable diet and fresh water
- Allow the birds to exhibit normal behaviour
- House sociable birds with others
- Protect them from pain, injury, suffering and disease

Please refer to the South Swindon Parish Councils Guidelines for Keeping Hens on Your Plot for a more comprehensive guide before applying to keep hens on your allotment plot.

Please sign and return one copy of this agreement to the Allotment Administrator.

South Swindon Parish Council Office, Gladstone Street, Swindon. SN1 2AU or

email: allotments@southswindon-pc.gov.uk

Please do not erect any structure or proceed to house your hens until you have received written permission from the Parish Clerk or the Allotment Administrator

Allotment Site

Plot No.

Signature

Date

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