



Braehead Community Garden is run by Braehead Broomridge and District Community Development Trust which for the rest of this document will be referred to as “the Trust”.

You can find out more about the Trust on the website www.braehead.org

You can contact the Trust about the garden by email garden@braehead.org

Garden Rules and Regulations

Section 1 - For your safety and enjoyment

The community garden has been created for your enjoyment – you, as a member of the community, play a very important part in helping to keep the garden a safe and pleasant place to be.

- a) Please make sure you have read and fully understand the Health and Safety Policy and other attached documents supplied to you alongside your contract.
- b) Please ensure that the main gate to the garden is securely closed behind you both on entering and leaving the garden.
- c) Please do not allow other people to use your gate entry fob or tool-shed door code.
- d) Gardeners are responsible for ensuring that any guests abide by these rules.
- e) Please ensure that children are supervised at all times. Children under the age of 16 must always be accompanied by a member who will be responsible for their behaviour at all times.
- f) Children should not enter the tool-shed unless accompanied by an adult. Please check the tool-shed is empty of people and lock the door before leaving the garden.
- g) Please keep paths and communal areas clean, tidy and free of tools and debris.
- h) Please do not tamper with any water butts or composting units. You will be shown how to use this equipment safely.
- i) Please dress sensibly and suitably for tasks you wish to undertake.
- j) Please do not leave personal possessions in the garden.
- k) As this is a community-managed green-space, please ensure that you take any litter home with you. Waste from food eaten in the garden should not be put into the composting units.
- l) The following are strictly prohibited: - Smoking; loud noise nuisance; parties / large gatherings, except when an organised, approved function; alcohol, except when provided or allowed as part of an organised, approved garden function; glass of any kind, including drink bottles; personal garden furniture; fuel of any kind; dogs, with the exception of registered assistance dogs; bonfires / informal barbecues of any kind / gas-stoves.

- m) Members are responsible for keeping their raised bed in a clean, weed free and tidy condition at all times, structures added to raise beds are the responsibility of the member and should be checked regularly to ensure they are safe.
- n) As we are situated in a residential area and overlooked by several properties, we aim to promote and encourage a spirit of good neighbourliness.
- o) Weed growth must be controlled following organic standards. For plant hygiene and disease control purposes, please remove any diseased plants and take them home to destroy them.
- p) Members are responsible for keeping the paths adjacent to their plot clean and weed free. Where a path is adjacent to two plots the members should come to an agreement to keep it clean and weed free.
- q) Always use the correct tool for the job - if in doubt check with others.
- r) Tetanus/Lockjaw bacteria can exist in soil in any garden. The bacteria enter the body through a cut or open wound and a few days/weeks later the disease develops. A Tetanus jab will prevent but not cure the disease and is available from your doctor. We recommend the use of gardening gloves, and keeping any cuts clean and covered with a suitable dressing.
- s) Look after yourself - know your own capabilities and how much you can do. Split large jobs into manageable chunks. Never overfill wheelbarrows or watering cans. Let someone know immediately if you feel at all unwell.
- t) If you own a mobile phone then take it to the garden with you. There is no public telephone in the garden and your mobile could be useful if you or someone else has an accident or becomes unwell.
- u) Never touch working parts of machinery (for example, shredders) when they are connected to the electricity supply.
- v) Always wear appropriate safety equipment when using machinery and never operate machinery when alone in the garden.
- x) Machinery should not be used by persons under 18 years of age or prior to training and agreement by a Trustee or nominated garden member.

Section 2 – Organic gardening and biodiversity

- a) The ethos of the garden is such that we encourage members and visitors to travel to the garden by foot, bicycle or public transport. Please do not drive to the garden if possible, there is limited parking space.
- b) To prevent disease spreading between plants, and the introduction of pests such as flatworm:- i. Please do not bring into the garden any mature plants; or bought plants that were sold in pots larger than 3 inches wide. ii. If buying seedlings / plug plants please ensure you buy from a reputable supplier. We recommend you buy organic wherever possible. iii. A large selection of seedlings will be germinated and propagated onsite and made available to gardeners, we recommend you make use of this facility wherever possible, we welcome any suggestions and requests for different varieties you may like to grow.
- c) Seed potatoes must be blight-resistant and, wherever possible, from organic stock.
- d) Please try and source organic seeds wherever possible. Members of the Trust will be able to assist you with this.
- e) Please do not bring food or garden waste into the garden to compost.

- f) After using reusable seed trays, pots etc, please ensure that they are washed thoroughly to avoid diseases being passed between plants.
- g) Please do not stand/walk on the raised beds – not only does this pose a threat of accident, but it also compacts the soil and can damage small plants.
- h) Please do not bring the following into the garden: chemical fertiliser; soil conditioners (this will be made onsite for your use or can be ordered by the garden); chemical pest control / disease control products, including slug pellets; additional planters, potato-growing sacks etc.
- i) Please maintain best practice in organically controlling weeds and pests, preventing disease, and rotating crops.
- j) No trees or fruit bushes should be planted in raised beds.
- k) Please do not pick or uproot any plants from the biodiversity areas.

Section 3 – Other Regulations

- a) Produce is for home use only, not for profit.
- b) Annual subscriptions for raised beds are due by the 1st April each year. Any raised bed not paid for by the end of March will be taken as an indication of cessation of tenancy unless a payment plan has been approved by the Trust
Please do get in touch if you have problems with payment, we are really keen for you to access the garden and to grow.
- c) The lease of a raised bed is personal to the tenant; who shall not sublet, assign or part possession with all or part of the raised bed.
- d) The community garden shall not be used for any illegal or immoral purpose.
- e) It is expected that all garden users wherever possible, will assist in tasks such as: i) planting and pricking-out seedlings ii) soft-fruit picking iii) composting iv) maintaining the communal areas of the garden by weeding and removing debris wherever possible. v) Preparing for, and tidying up after organised events. Full training in these tasks will be given and equipment provided, and gardeners will be consulted when rotas are drawn up to ensure that tasks are divided fairly and equally wherever possible.

Should any of the aforementioned rules be broken or members practice methods that the Trust deems to be to the detriment of any other member and/or the garden as a whole, the member shall be notified by letter and given an opportunity to rectify the situation. Members not complying with this request will be given a final warning letter with a further opportunity to rectify the problem and if no satisfactory outcome occurs the raised bed lease may be terminated and the raised bed re-let. The subscription will not be reimbursed. Any disputes between members, which cannot be resolved at a local level, shall be referred to the Trust whose decision is final and binding on all parties. Braehead Broomridge and District Community Development Trust is made up entirely of volunteers. If you want to get involved, please contact garden@braehead.org or trust@braehead.org.