

Guidelines for Gardenshare Members

To help agree good Gardenshare arrangements – it's a good idea to follow these guidelines:

Gardeners will:

1. Share produce with the garden owner as agreed
2. Respect Owner's privacy by sticking to the agreed garden access times and not inviting gardening helpers without the prior agreement of the Owner
3. Respect Owner's property, taking proper care of any facilities or tools borrowed
4. Consult with the Owner before making any semi-permanent changes or additions to the garden (e.g. such as raised beds, poly-tunnels, installing water butt etc)
5. Leave the garden tidy and cared for
6. Give at least 1 month's notice (or more if possible) if they wish to end the Gardenshare and agree (at the start of the Gardenshare) what happens to any un-harvested produce
7. Remember that the land belongs to the owner and if the Gardenshare ends, Gardeners will remove any structures they have added, harvest crops or move plants elsewhere if possible
8. Accept that the Owner is not liable for loss, damage or theft of tools or equipment stored on the site
9. Accept that the Owner is not liable for any accidental injury they might incur within the garden. The Gardener will become a friend of South West Allotments Association to access their accidental injury insurance
10. Provide appropriate referees or other checks if required*

Garden Owners will:

1. Accept a fair share of produce from the plot
2. Allow reasonable access to the garden as agreed at the outset
3. Allow reasonable access to water as agreed
4. Enable the Gardener the freedom to garden as they wish including making individual decisions about how and what to garden, when to carry out gardening activities etc
5. Allow the Gardener access to a lockable tool store if transporting tools onto the plot is difficult, or alternatively, to lend tools and equipment as agreed
6. Accept that the Gardener is not liable for accidental damage to tools or equipment or materials within the garden
7. Give at least 1 month's notice and more if possible if they wish to end the Gardenshare and agree from the outset what will happen to any un-harvested produce if the Gardenshare ends before crops are mature
8. Understand that Gardeners are not an employee of Gardenshare; there to 'help' Garden Owners, or to provide a free gardening service
9. Respect that Gardeners' time is valuable and that they may need time to garden in peace without unreasonable interruption or disturbance

* e.g. In the case of Gardens where there are vulnerable people