Allotments Act 1922

Definition of purpose/use of an allotment plot

22(1) For the purposes of this Act, where the context permits –
The expression ‘allotment garden’ means an allotment not exceeding forty poles in extent which is wholly or mainly cultivated by the occupier for the production of vegetable or fruit crops for consumption by himself or his family
Welcome to the Royal Paddocks Allotments

These pages contain information which we hope will enable you to get the most out of your experience at the Royal Paddocks Allotments. Bear in mind that this allotment site is independently managed and is not a council site. Everything done on the site, from the committee’s activities to the grass cutting, is done by individual plotholders on a voluntary basis.

1 Getting Started
When you are faced with that vast expanse of couch grass, brambles and nettles it can seem very daunting. Don’t despair - most of us started with plots like that. The key to success is ‘little and often’. Cover the weeds with weighed-down weed-suppressant fabric, black plastic or cardboard. This will help prevent the weeds growing while you uncover a little at a time and dig the weed roots out. Start your compost heap with the weeds and get planting in your newly dug areas – with no empty ground, there’s nowhere for the weeds to grow! Don’t compost couch grass, bindweed or mare’s tail – leave them to dry out and then burn them in the incinerator. Alternatively, drown nettles, couch grass and bindweed in a covered container of water, then use the rotted ‘weed soup’ as liquid feed for your plants. There is a wealth of month-by-month information on what to do and when to do it on our website.

2 Notice Boards
The freestanding notice board near the entrance gates contains permanent information notices posted by the Plotholders’ Committee.
The short wall of the shed at the entrance gate, situated immediately on the right when entering, is used by the Plotholders’ Committee for temporary official notices for all plotholders’ information or action. Please check this regularly. You are deemed to have been informed of official matters by means of posting on the freestanding notice board or the short wall of the shed.
The long wall of the shed at the entrance gate is used by the Plotholders’ Committee for displaying any other matters of general interest to plotholders and for allotment-related notices from individual plotholders. The Seed Store Café notice board can be used by plotholders for general community notices.

3 Etiquette
To make our allotment experience as enjoyable and stress-free as possible for everyone, we ask that you observe a few simple rules:
- Plotholders are required to show courtesy and consideration to other plotholders.
- Don’t walk on someone else’s plot unless you are invited by the plotholder.
- Don’t scrape your boots or tools onto paths or neighbouring plots.
- Do not leave diseased or blighted crops on your plot. Please remove them so that they do not infect neighbouring plots. Either take them to your local tip or burn them in the incinerator.
- Using the paths between plots as shortcuts is not permitted. Stick to the main roads when moving around the site.
- Children must be confined to your own plot and not permitted to play on the main roads or stray onto other plots. An allotment site is not a safe environment for unsupervised children.
- Dogs must be kept on leads while entering and leaving the site and restrained on your own plot at all other times.
- If you wish to listen to the radio or any other audio device please use headphones.
- Parties/BBQs on plots are not permitted.
- Tenants (or their guests) found taking produce or other items from a plot without permission of that plot’s tenant are liable to have their tenancy agreement terminated.

The walls surrounding the site are a listed structure and are maintained by the Royal Parks. Because of their listed status nothing may be fixed to these walls by any method – nail, screw
3 Etiquette continued

or otherwise. Nor may any other items or structures be placed so as to be visible from a pedestrian level outside the allotment site.

4 Cars and Parking

We have very limited space on site for car parking so we urge you whenever possible to leave your car at home or to park offsite, particularly on summer weekends when the site can become very congested.

On occasions when you have to bring your car onsite, please observe the following:

- There is space to accommodate a few cars in front of the Seed Store Café and on some of the corners of the main roads. Please use these rather than parking in front of your plot. Park considerately, allowing other vehicles to pass and always leave a note of your plot number visible on your dashboard.
- If you have to stop in front of your plot to unload please ensure your car is hard up against the edge of your own plot to allow pedestrians and cyclists to pass on the other side without having to step on your neighbour’s plot.

We are lucky to have dedicated volunteers who open and lock the main gates every morning and evening, come rain or shine. Please observe the notice on the shed at the entrance and on the vehicle gates detailing lock-up time. The volunteers do not walk round the site to check for cars before locking the gates – it is YOUR responsibility to remove your car from the site before lock-up time. If you allow your car to be locked in, it will remain there overnight until the gates are opened in the morning.

5 Security

We are fortunate that we suffer relatively few breaches of security and we can help maintain this by taking a few simple precautions:

- The vehicle cage gates and the pedestrian door must not be left open and unattended.
- Always close them behind you when entering and leaving the site even if they were already open (drop both bolts into the ground and slide the bar across). You enter through the pedestrian door and open the vehicle gates from the inside.
- The gates must not be left open for deliveries, visitors or any other reason.
- If you see any suspicious persons or activity on the site, report it to a committee member or, if you believe a crime is in progress, call 999. The plot numbers of committee members are posted on the notice boards.
- If you experience theft from or damage/vandalism on your plot, please report it to a member of the committee in person, or by email to plotholderscommittee@paddocks-allotments.org.uk.

6 First Aid

A basic first aid kit is kept in the shed at the main gate.

Plotholders are reminded that they are responsible for their own safety. It is good practice to have your own first aid kit on your plot.

7 Water Pumps

We are very fortunate to have our own hand-pumped water supply – we don’t have to pay meter charges and we are not subject to water restrictions. However, despite being cast-iron, our pumps are fragile. We ask that you look after them and use them carefully. They are expensive to replace, both in cost and in effort.

To use a pump, you need to prime it first by scooping water from the overflow tank and pouring it into the gap on the top of the pump where the handle emerges. Pour in water until it starts coming out of the spout and then slowly pump the handle smoothly using long strokes until the water is flowing. Different pumps hold their prime for different lengths of
7 Water Pumps continued

You may have to prime your pump each time you use it, or it may hold its prime all day. The overflow tank must always be left with sufficient water for priming without disturbing the layer of sludge that accumulates at the bottom of the tank which is harmful to the pump.

If you prefer, you can pump the overflow tank full of water and dip your watering cans in to fill them but please always leave more water in the tank than when you arrived.

If the pump draws up a significant quantity of sand in the water, stop using it and report it immediately to a committee member. Similarly, if a pump stops working, please report it. The overflow tanks must not be used for washing tools, boots, vegetables, hands etc. Soil deposited in the water can transmit diseases from plot to plot and the dirt and foreign bodies will damage the pumps if they enter the mechanism during priming.

Children are not permitted to operate the pumps.

To prevent freezing, the pumps are shut down for the winter before the first hard frosts and are returned in early spring when the risk of severe frosts has passed. Notices will be posted on the boards advising the dates.

If you choose to put a shed or greenhouse on your plot, we encourage you to fit guttering and water butts to harvest rainwater and take some pressure off the pumps.

8 Compost Toilet

We have a two-chamber compost toilet on site, in front of the Seed Store building. At any one time, only one chamber is in use. Please do not put anything other than what comes naturally (and toilet paper or paper towel) into the toilet. At present, there is no need to flush or add any other material.

There is now a supply of water from the tap to the washbasin, pumped by a solar panel (patent of plotholder Chris Pocock) for hand-washing; liquid soap, toilet paper and a hand towel are provided. Please leave the toilet as you would wish to find it.

The urinal (built into the front wall of the Seed Store) should be used by men.

9 Bonfires and Incinerator

Between 1 April and 30 September, bonfires are not permitted on plots. The incinerator may be used between these dates provided the café is not open and there is no cricket match or event taking place at the club behind our boundary wall in Bushy Park.

The incinerator is a fast and efficient means of burning rubbish and is easy to use. The material to be burned should be placed on the rack inside the incinerator and lit. The metal sheet should then be slid into place behind the bar to close off the fire. The metal sheet becomes very hot when the incinerator is in use so check before you handle it and wear heavy gloves.

- Do not leave rubbish on the rack inside the incinerator for someone else to burn.
- Please leave the area around the incinerator clean and tidy after you have finished burning and remove the ash from below the rack. This can be used in your compost bins.

During the winter months bonfires can be lit on plots, although we encourage you to use the incinerator whenever possible. If you have to light a bonfire on your plot, please comply with the following:

- Do not light a bonfire on a windy day, particularly when the wind will blow smoke towards the surrounding residential properties.
- Do not burn damp/wet, green or non-organic material.
- Check with any neighbouring plotholders who may be downwind of your smoke if they have any objection to you lighting the bonfire.
- Ensure your bonfire is located so that stray sparks or embers will not endanger nearby
9 Bonfires and Incinerator continued

- Make sure you **completely extinguish** your bonfire before you leave your plot.
- Please note that only **dry organic material** (diseased plant matter, scrap timber, etc) may be burned, either on bonfires or in the incinerator.

**Plastic, carpets, nets or other synthetic materials which will give off noxious fumes and leave chemical residues in the ash must not be burned on plots OR in the incinerator.**

10 Rubbish

Minimise the amount of rubbish that accumulates on site by:
- not bringing on site items that ‘may perhaps be useful’. If you have a planned use for a recycled item, bring it on site when you are ready to use it; otherwise leave it at home or take it to the tip;
- and disposing of your rubbish as it accumulates rather than waiting until there is a huge, unmanageable quantity (including children’s out-grown play apparatus).
- **Neither asbestos nor concrete are allowed on plots.**

11 Sheds, Greenhouses and Polytunnels

The site is on Crown Land and you must obtain permission from the Plotholders’ Committee before you erect a shed, greenhouse or polytunnel. You are allowed one shed and either one greenhouse or one walk-in polytunnel per plot. These are the regulations and procedure:

**Sheds:**
- Make an initial request by email to sheds@paddocks-allotments.org.uk, in person at the office on Sunday morning (11.00 – 12.00) or by leaving a letter in the mail box in the shed at the main entrance gate. Please give your plot number and be clear where on your plot you are requesting permission to site the shed, greenhouse or polytunnel. The committee will contact tenants on either side of your plot to make sure everyone is in agreement about where your shed should be sited. A shed or structure of any sort cannot be placed where it casts shade on your neighbour’s plot. Any shade must be only on your plot. Approval may take up to a month, depending on holidays.
- The maximum size of the shed is 7ft x 5ft, and 7ft high from ground level.
- The shed must be constructed of wood and be of a natural wood colour.
- No permanent base may be used (ie, concrete), but slabs on a sand base are acceptable.
- Ensure you allow a margin of at least 18in (45cm) between the base of your shed and plot path boundary (this applies also to greenhouses, polytunnels, other ‘permanent’ frameworks, cold-frames and compost bins, etc).
- Sheds must be kept in a safe state of repair.
- Do not store fuel or fuel cans in your shed or lock-up.
- Failure to keep to these regulations will result in you being required to remove the structures.

**Greenhouses must not be made of glass.** Only plastic/polycarbonate sheeting may be used. The maximum size is 15ft x 10ft, and 7ft high from ground level. Base materials as for sheds.

**Polytunnels** The maximum footprint for walk-in polytunnels is 15ft x10ft, and 7ft high from ground level. This is the total area allowed on each plot. Base materials as for sheds.

Any **other structure on your plot** needs approval from the Plotholders’ Committee.

12 Ponds

Ponds are allowed on plots. Safety is paramount, so they should be sited away from communal roads and paths and be shallow at one end to allow for escape. Ponds should be over 60cm deep at some point, to avoid freezing. Use a moulded pond base or heavy duty plastic but **NOT concrete.** See [www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk) for information about invasive plants to be aware of and a disease affecting frogs etc. Warning – frogs and slug pellets don’t mix!
13 Trees

The spread of existing trees on plots must be constrained within the boundaries of the plot and not allowed to encroach on paths or roads or cause a shade or root nuisance to neighbouring plots. Please remove any self-sown broadleaf and conifer seedlings and do not plant these varieties as they are not suitable on an allotment site. Plot holders who wish to plant fruit trees on their plot should ensure the rootstock is of a suitable **dwarf variety** and that they are planted a minimum of 5ft (1.5m) from paths.

14 Paths

For general guidance, paths around plots and between half plots are expected to be wide enough to easily get a wheelbarrow around the plot.

15 Plot Inspections

See Appendix II: Inspections System

16 Annual Best Plots Competition

Inspectors highlight those plots that have been cultivated to a standard that is above the norm. They are reviewed by judges who award points to each plot in the categories of best full plot, best half plot and best newcomer. Account is taken of how long a newcomer has had the plot and the state of the plot when it was taken on. Certificates are awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes in each category, with cups being awarded to the 1st prize winners in the full and half plot categories.

17 Communications

We publish a periodic newsletter containing site news and information as well as photographs, recipes, planting tips and general gardening information. If you have provided us with an email address your newsletter will be delivered by email to your inbox in pdf format. If you do not have email access you can collect a paper copy of the newsletter from the shed at the entrance gate. A sign will be posted on the shed when newsletters are available.

We keep in touch with you by email to remind you of social events and any site activities. Our website is regularly updated with news, a wealth of month-by-month information, and Jenny Bourne’s nature blog. If you have any articles or photos to contribute please get in touch via the site: [www.paddocks-allotments.org.uk](http://www.paddocks-allotments.org.uk)

18 The Seed Store Café

The Seed Store Café is open all year round from 11.00 to 12.30 every Sunday. You can take a break with a cup of tea or coffee and delicious home-baked cakes, and chat with fellow plot holders. All profits from the café go to site funds. see Volunteering below

19 Social Events

Thanks to our dedicated Social Committee we enjoy a number of social events each season: seed and plant sales in the spring; a summer produce show; the Autumn Social (including giant pumpkin and tallest sunflower competitions); and the Christmas café. The AGM and prize-giving evening takes place every November. Watch out for emails, notices on our website and on the notice boards!

20 Volunteering

Maintaining the site to the standard we enjoy takes a lot of work so we are always grateful for offers of help. If you would like to get involved, there are lots of different ways:

- Join the Seed Store Café rota on a Sunday morning and/or donate baked goods for sale. Ask at the Seed Store if you would like to help out.
- Volunteer to help out at social events.
- Join the pumps maintenance team or gate locking/unlocking team.
Volunteering continued

- Join a Work Party to help with site maintenance/construction projects. Several times each year we hold a Work Party Sunday to tackle one-off projects. It involves a few hours of effort to get through as many of our planned tasks as possible. Tools and materials are provided as, of course, are refreshments. Watch out for details of tasks/calls for volunteers.
- If you own a strimmer/mower, you can help maintain the communal grass areas in front of the Seed Store Café and on the road corners where cars park. If it looks like it needs a cut, it probably does – so just go for it! The small landscaped area and willow fedge around the compost toilet also need regular maintenance, so if you fancy a bit more weeding, feel free!
- Join the Plotholders’ Committee and help us manage the day-to-day running of the site. Plotholders can stand for election to the committee at the AGM, which takes place in November. A few weeks in advance a notice will be posted on the notice boards calling for nominations, so if you’d like to stand, follow the instructions provided.

Lock-ups

We have a few lock-ups for tool storage available for annual rental. If you are interested in renting one, please speak to a committee member to add your name to the waiting list.

Useful Contacts

A committee member is available every Sunday morning at the site ‘office’, based in the Seed Store building, between 11.00 and midday. The person on duty will be able to help with all queries, or will forward them to someone else who will be in touch with you as soon as possible. You can also get in touch with us by contacting the appropriate email address in the following list:

General Enquiries
info@paddocks-allotments.org.uk

Website Enquiries
website@paddocks-allotments.org.uk

Plotholders’ Committee
plotholderscommittee@paddocks-allotments.org.uk

Shed authorisation
sheds@paddocks-allotments.org.uk

Waiting list enquiries
tenancy@paddocks-allotments.org.uk

Social Secretary and Newsletter
newsletter@paddocks-allotments.org.uk

Seed Store Café
cafe@paddocks-allotments.org.uk

www.paddocks-allotments.org.uk
Appendix I

Conditions of Tenancy
of Allotments in the Paddocks, Hampton Wick

1. The yearly rental must be paid in advance. It is due on the first day in October in each year and must be paid during that month. If this is not done the Managing Committee reserves to itself the right to re-let the plot to another tenant after giving seven days notice in writing to the occupier.

2. Except as provided for in conditions 1, 3 and 5 the tenancy shall be terminated on either side by three months notice ending 31st March or 30th September, or by agreement on both sides.

3. The tenant must put and keep a legible number on the plot, cultivate the plot properly, also keep it, the half of the road in front and the paths between the plots, free from encumbrances and of weeds, which may injure surrounding plots. If a plotholder neglects to keep the plot, or the path for which he or she is responsible in a reasonable state of cultivation or cleanliness at any time between 1st March and 31st October, 7 days warning will be given to put the plot in order. If the fault is not remedied in that time a final 7 days notice will be given to terminate the tenancy at the completion of the 7 days, if the plot has not been put in order by that time. Any tenant planting large trees or bushes of any kind on their plot will do so at their own risk, as any such bushes or trees must be removed within one month after due notice in writing has been given to the tenant.

4. Dogs or other animals must be kept on a lead if brought on the allotment grounds, and must not be allowed to run loose. Continued complaints from other plotholders will result in the offender receiving notice to give up the plot.

5. The tenant must not sublet any portion of his or her plot or pass it over to another person without the consent of the Paddocks Allotments Committee given through its Clerk; if this is done the Committee may at once resume possession of the plot. If the tenant has more land than can be properly cultivated, he or she should notify the Clerk, who will meet them as far as possible, while taking into consideration the applicants on the waiting list desiring plots.

6. The tenant must act in accordance with any instructions which may from time to time be posted on the notice board by the Committee for the welfare of the plotholders.

7. The security of tenants against pilfering is endangered by the gates being left unfastened: plotholders are therefore urged to fasten both small and large gates when they leave the allotments.

8. An incinerator is provided and plotholders are expected to make good use of it, especially when they have diseased produce which, if left on the ground, is likely to infect other plots.
Appendix II

Inspections System

(This is a brief explanation – the full text of the Inspections System can be found on our website www.paddocks-allotments.org.uk)

The site is divided into 12 areas and an inspector is allocated to each.
Not all inspectors are Committee Members and not all Committee Members are inspectors.

What’s required
Regular inspections are based on the requirements of the Conditions of Tenancy (see Appendix I):

- The tenant must put and keep a legible number on the plot;
- must cultivate the plot properly (it should not remain under cover during the growing season, April – October);
- must also keep it, the half of the road in front and the paths between the plots, free from encumbrances and of weeds, which may injure surrounding plots;
- paths between plots are expected to be wide enough to get a wheelbarrow easily around the plot.

How it works
Inspectors are asked to record percentages of cultivation and to include any helpful remarks taking into account the length of tenancy. A shed and compost bin, if they exist, are included as part of cultivation; a car parking area and children's play area - such as play houses, slides, sand pits etc - are not included as part of cultivation.

- 100% means a well-cultivated plot with crops, neat paths, plot number clearly evident
- 75% means 75% is cultivated. Any other concerns (eg. plot number) will also be noted.
- 50% means 50% is cultivated. Any other concerns (eg. plot number) will also be noted.
- 25% means 25% is cultivated. Any other concerns (eg. plot number) will also be noted.
- Nil means plot neglected, no crops, abundant seeding weeds and grass.

What happens next

- If a poor plot is identified, two members of the Plotholders’ Committee are asked to inspect. If they confirm that the plot is unacceptable then a letter is written to the plotholder. This gives 30 days for improvements to be made.
- After 30 days the plot is re-inspected by two members of the Committee and if the required work has not been done a warning letter is sent giving 7 days’ notice of further inspection by 3 members of the Plotholders’ Committee (10 days to allow for postal delivery). This is the first letter referred to in the Conditions of Tenancy.
- If the work has still not been done then a simple majority of the Plotholders’ Committee will suffice to terminate the tenancy. If agreed by majority, then a letter of termination will be sent giving notice to the plotholder to clear and vacate the plot within 7 days. This is the second letter referred to in the Conditions of Tenancy. The plotholder may appeal against this decision to the Management Committee.

The timetable

- Inspections will be carried out in early April, May/June and August/September.
  Best plot candidates will be identified June/August. During September we will identify plots that need attention before their tenancies can be renewed.
Appendix III

Constitution

1. Name
The name of the Association is Royal Paddocks Allotments, Bushy Park, Hampton Wick.

2. Status
The land is cultivated as allotments by the association by virtue of a Royal Warrant dated June 30, 1921 (see Appendix IV).

3. Aim
To manage and maintain the Royal Paddocks Allotments for cultivation by members.

4. Membership
Membership of the Association shall comprise:
- Persons who shall be called Tenant Members i.e. all (Plot) holders who undertake to cultivate their allotment in accordance with the association’s Conditions of Tenancy.
- There shall be no more than two Tenant Members per whole or half plot.
- Any member who acts in a manner which is or is likely to be detrimental to the well-being or efficient management of the association or acts in contravention of the conditions of tenancy or any term contained in the tenancy agreement, may have their membership terminated.

5. Administration
There shall be two committees: a Management Committee responsible for the management of the site and a Plotholders’ Committee to run it on a day-to-day basis.

The Management Committee
This shall consist of four persons appointed by the Council of the London Borough of Richmond every four years and five tenants appointed by the Plotholders’ Committee annually, led by a Chair, a Vice-Chair and a Secretary. The posts of chair and vice-chair shall not both be held by a Council appointee or a member of the Plotholders’ Committee, and the secretary must be a member of the Association. All posts shall be voted for annually.

This Management Committee shall be responsible for:
- Supporting and guiding the Plotholders’ Committee;
- Fixing rents;
- Settling unresolved disputes between the Plotholders’ Committee and members.

The Plotholders’ Committee
This shall consist of a minimum of 10 members up to a maximum of 14 members of the association voted in at the Annual General Meeting. Members can be re-elected.

At the first meeting after the AGM this Committee shall elect a Chair, a Secretary and a Treasurer. It can call on persons on the committee or members of the association to act in other capacities for the benefit of the smooth day-to-day running of the allotments.

This Plotholders’ Committee shall be responsible for:
- The day-to-day running of the allotments.

6. Finance
All monies raised shall be applied to further the interests of the association, in accordance with the aims. No member of the committees shall be paid by the association except for authorised expenses. The treasurer shall keep proper accounts of the finances of the association and shall pay all monies not immediately required into a bank account in the
6. Finance continued

name of the association, operated by at least two office-bearers. The accounts will be presented to the tenants at the AGM, and to the Management Committee at its annual meeting.

An Auditor shall be appointed, who shall not be a member of the Plotholders’ or Management Committee, to audit the accounts.

7. Meetings

The Plotholders’ Committee shall meet within one week of the AGM to determine a procedure for subsequent meetings. Voting shall be by simple majority of attending committee members. The chair shall cast an extra vote in case a simple majority cannot be obtained.

The quorum shall be a simple majority of extant elected members.

The AGM of the association shall be held in November of each year. The Agenda shall be displayed on site two weeks prior to the meeting. Notice of business or motions to be brought forward at an AGM shall be given in writing three weeks prior to the AGM. At the discretion of the chair, relevant business may be discussed at the AGM, without prior notice. The AGM shall include reports from the previous year and nominations and election of the committee to serve until the next AGM. Voting shall be by simple majority of members present.

The quorum shall be 40 Members.

An Extraordinary General Meeting may be summoned on the request, in writing, of 20 members or by a resolution of either committee. Such meetings shall be held between seven days and one month of receipt of notification.

The quorum shall be 40 members.

The Management Committee shall meet at least once a year, within a month after each AGM of the association.

The quorum for Management Committee meetings shall be five members.

8. Proposals to alter this Constitution

can only be made as a Resolution at an AGM or EGM of the association. If carried, it must be ratified by the Management Committee before it can take effect.

Adopted as the Constitution of the Association of the Royal Paddocks’ Allotments at an EGM held at the Royal Paddocks Allotments’ site on 27th April 2008.

Amended November 2009
AGM Resolution passed 12/11/2009
Ratified by Management Committee 10/12/2009
TRANSCRIPT

Dated 30th June 1921

Royal Sign Manual
Warrant
authorising the appropriation of a further portion of Bushy Park for the purposes of Allotments for Labouring Classes of Hampton Wick and South Teddington.-

George the Fifth By the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the seas King Defender of the Faith To all whom these presents shall come Greeting Whereas it has been represented to us that certain parcels of land granted by us to the Urban District Council of Hampton Wick are insufficient for the requirements of the labouring population of the Parish of Hampton Wick and South Teddington and application has been made to us to grant the said Urban District Council permission to use a further piece of ground coloured Green on the Plan drawn hereon for the purposes of allotments and We are gracefully minded to grant such permission subject to the conditions and regulations hereinafter contained but during our pleasure only Now know ye that We taking the above circumstances into our Royal consideration Do by this Royal Warrant under our Royal Sign Manual on the recommendation and with the advice of the Lords Commissioners of our Treasury Grant to the Urban District Council of Hampton Wick aforesaid License and Authority to appropriate for the purposes of Allotments for the Labouring Classes both of Hampton Wick and South Teddington All that parcel of land situate in our Royal Park called the Paddock Bushy Park Hampton Wick containing by admeasurement fourteen acres or thereabouts as the same is delineated on the plan drawn in the margin hereof and thereon coloured Green the said District Council paying unto the Master of the Horse Royal Mews for our use during the continuance of this licence on the twenty fourth day of June in every year the clear yearly rent of Forty two pounds and also undertaking that the land so appropriated for allotments shall be available both for the Labouring Classes of Hampton Wick and South Teddington Our Licence being granted subject to the following conditions that is to say

1. The Ground shall not be used for any other purpose than as Allotments for the Labouring Classes
2. No Labourer shall have more ground allotted to him than he can himself cultivate in leisure hours and in no case shall he have more than a quarter of an acre allotted to him and it shall not be lawful for him to emply any hired labour in the cultivation of his allotment
3. No allotment shall be underlet
4. No building or structure of any description shall be erected on any allotment
5. This our License may be revoked at any time by the Master of the Horse giving to the said District Council twelve Calendar months notice in writing of such revocation and the said District Council may surrender this Our License on giving to the Master of the Horse twelve Calendar months notice in writing of their intention so to do
6. In the event of the revocation or surrender or cesser of this License the said District Council shall pay the said rent down to and inclusive of the day of determination
7. If the land or any portion of it is required for building or other public purposes possession must be given up but in that case an equivalent area of land will be offered to the holders of those allotments of which possession is thus resumed Provided always and We do hereby declare and direct that the License hereby granted shall not operate to divert defeat or prejudice our right of soil in to or over the portion of our said Park which may be appropriated for the purposes aforesaid and that if at any time the land shall cease to be used for the purposes aforesaid or if there shall be a breach of any of the covenants herein contained this License shall be absolutely void and the said land shall revert to Our use as heretofore Given at the Court Buckingham Palace on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty one in the Twelfth year of our Reign
Appendix V

Royal Paddocks Allotments Site Map