

CONSTITUTION RULES

1. NAME

The Name of the Association is West Harrow Allotment and Garden Association

2. AIMS

1. To work closely with the Council for the maintenance and preservation of allotment sites
2. To promote and support the interests of members
3. To support horticultural associations in London Borough of Harrow
4. To provide facilities to members to enable them to purchase horticultural supplies at economic prices

3. MEMBERS

The Association is open to all persons interested in horticulture

4. SUBSCRIPTION

The annual membership subscription (£1 in 2004) as determined at the AGM and is from January 1st of each year

Failure to pay this subscription will result in cessation of membership
Honorary and Life members are exempt from this ruling

5. OFFICERS

The Officers of the Association shall be Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Trading Secretary, Show Secretary and Minutes Secretary

An Honorary President and Honorary Vice Presidents may be appointed to permanent positions by approval at an AGM and may attend all committee meetings

6. COMMITTEE

The affairs of the Association may be conducted by a committee of not less than 10 members
The Committee and Officers shall retire at the AGM but are eligible for re-election. A quorum at committee meetings shall not be less than 6 members

7. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING [AGM]

The AGM will be held in December and 14 days notice be given to all members

The business of the AGM will be to: -

1. Receive a report from the Secretary
2. Receive any other committee report
3. Receive an audited Financial Report and Statement of Accounts
4. Elect a new committee and auditors
5. Consider any resolutions proposed by the committee or proposed and seconded by members
6. Consider any other relevant matters that a majority of the meeting accepts for discussion

A Special General Meeting may be called on the serving, in writing to the Secretary, of at least 20 members

8. VOTING

Voting at all meetings will be by a show of hands.

The Chairperson will have a casting vote.

A simple majority of votes shall carry any decision other than amendment to the constitution which shall require a two-thirds majority.

9. FINANCE

The Treasurer will keep proper accounts of all income and expenditure of the association and the accounts shall be independently audited

Bank accounts shall be in the name of the association

All account withdrawals shall require the signature of two out of three signatories previously approved by the committee

All funds held by the association are solely to be used for the achievement of its aims

10. AFFILIATIONS

The association shall be affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society, The National Association of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners, The National Chrysanthemum Society, The National Dahlia Society, The National Vegetable Society and Harrow in Leaf

11. NEUTRALITY

The Association shall at all times remain independent of party political activities and does not discriminate on matters concerning race, faith or gender but may accept the support of political organisations to achieve its aims

12. DISSOLUTION

A Quorate Special General Meeting may decide to dissolve the association after the committee has given 28 Days notice of a proposal to do so

If a resolution to dissolve the association is carried, all money, goods and property held by the association shall after the payment of all debts and liabilities, be donated by a decision of a Special General Meeting to a community group or charity, which has similar aims

Signed Chairperson Date

Signed Secretary Date

Signed Treasurer Date

The above Constitution cancels all previous rules