

Communal gardens: your questions answered

Can I garden in the communal garden?

Yes, all residents can use the communal garden space. If parts of the communal garden are tended to by other residents, please speak to your Community Housing Officer regarding this.

I bought new garden supplies; can I get reimbursed?

Residents can be reimbursed for purchases for the communal garden if you spoke to the Community Engagement Officer **before** you made your purchase. You cannot be reimbursed for anything purchased for your own private garden or space where other residents do not have access.

If I have a flower bed outside my window, would that be allocated to me?

This area may be part of the communal garden. Please speak to your Community Housing Officer about looking after this area if it is not already tended to.

How much am I allowed to spend on garden supplies?

Residents can spend as much as they want on garden purchases. However, if you would like to be reimbursed you must speak to the Community Engagement Officer **beforehand** as there is a limited budget for garden purchases for each scheme.

I need to purchase compost for the communal garden, how do I go about this?

If you want to purchase compost for the communal garden, you can buy it and be reimbursed if agreed **beforehand**. However, if you need to order a large amount, please contact the Community Engagement Officer who will be able to purchase the compost and make the delivery arrangements with you.

Another resident is planting in my allocated garden space, who can I discuss this with?

It is always good to discuss this directly with the people involved. However if you can't do this, or if you have tried this already and there has not been any improvement, you can raise your concern to your Community Housing Officer who will discuss this with you and investigate to (hopefully) a successful conclusion.

Can we purchase bulbs for the communal garden?

You can although the Community Engagement Officer will ask twice a year if any gardeners would like bulbs for the communal gardens. We can then purchase these in bulk. However, if you wish to purchase some bulbs and be reimbursed for these, please speak to the Community Engagement Officer **beforehand**.





Another resident is not looking after their plants which is affecting my plants

Please discuss this with your Community Housing Officer; they will try to resolve this amicably with you and the other person/people involved.

The current communal garden furniture is old – can it be replaced?

The furniture should now be inspected on a regular basis by our Compliance and Monitoring Officer. However, if you have any enquiries relating to the garden furniture, please speak to your Community Housing Officer in the first instance. They can then liaise with colleagues regarding replacements and new purchases.

Another resident is not allowing me to use the greenhouse/shed

The greenhouse and shed are for use by all residents. You should try to raise any concerns with the people involved. However, if this isn't possible, please speak with your Community Housing Officer.

Can we have a BBQ in the communal garden?

A communal BBQ is often a great opportunity for residents to get together for informal, social events and we are happy to provide a suitable BBQ for the communal garden, on the basis that any of the scheme residents can attend. However, any 'private' BBQs (such as for a special occasion) would need to be agreed in advance with your Community Housing Officer.

Who do I need to contact for garden enquires?

Lise or Lauren
Community Housing Officers
07710 725 205 (Lise)
07714 229 866 (Lauren)

- Garden improvements
- Garden plots
- Disputes/disagreements

Steve Smith
Compliance and Monitoring Officer
07714 229 867

- Trip hazards
- Grounds maintenance contractor issues

Sophie Huggins
Community Engagement Officer
07791 754 624

- Garden purchases such as compost and plants
- Bulb purchases
- Garden events

