

## **BRIDPORT COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT**

Bridport Community Allotment is part of the adjacent Community Orchard and was set up to help and encourage people to grow their own food, especially those new to gardening. The allotment was designed to accommodate all ages and abilities with wheelchair/buggy friendly paths and raised beds as well as traditional flat beds. It is run on organic principles and we encourage wildlife wherever possible.

We meet as a group from March-October on Thursday afternoons 2-4pm. During the winter we meet on the first Thursday of the month for maintenance and preparation of the site. There is no membership fee but we do charge a small sum for refreshments. The money collected also helps towards the purchase of seeds/composts/tools etc.

### **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

#### a) Pertaining to the whole allotment site

- Dogs are not permitted on the allotment unless on a lead
- No bonfires allowed
- No “events” to be organised in the allotments without prior approval from the Orchard committee
- All waste materials to be disposed of correctly (guidance from the Community Allotment leader)

#### b) Pertaining to the Community Allotments

- Any space allocated to an individual must be used as an allotment garden and for no other purpose
- The Community Allotment leader shall review allocation of the raised beds on an annual basis
- Those members with raised beds may devise their own planting plan and keep the resulting produce themselves. The Community Allotment leader creates a plan for the flat beds and the produce is shared among all the members.
- Members should commit to regular attendance so that plots are kept tidy, weed free and cultivated
- Members should attend some, if not all, community meetings on Thursday afternoons during March-October
- The Allotment leader must be informed of any long term absence so that plots are not left untended
- The toolshed will be kept padlocked unless an Orchard committee member is present. Members are welcome to come at any time other than the Thursday meetings but must bring their own tools on these occasions
- The Orchard committee must have sight of any grant applications (by individuals or groups) before submission

We operate as a community group and members, where possible, muck in and help with regular tasks. There are experienced gardeners on hand to give advice and guidance so if you are unsure of anything – please ask!

