

Staveley with Ings Parish Council

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Erection of sheds, poly tunnels. greenhouses or fences at the Council Allotments

All structures should be sited to an agreed location or as directed by the parish council. No permanent footings or bases may be constructed.

1. Sheds

Sheds shall be no more than 4.32 square metres (8ft x 6ft) in size.

The shed should be painted dark green or brown and treated with a timber preservative.

Sheds should be secured with a padlock or d-lock.

Adding guttering connected to a water butt is an excellent way of harvesting rain water.

Sheds must not be slept in overnight, have running water or electricity. They are shelters from the elements and spaces in which to keep your tools – but this doesn't mean you can't make them homely and welcoming!

2. Greenhouses

These can either be made of plastic or glass. On the whole glass offers better growing conditions. Any broken glass must be disposed of appropriately and not left on the allotment site.

Greenhouses should be of the ridge type. Maximum floor area permitted is 7.43 square metres (10ft x 8ft) and the height should not exceed 7'6" (2.28m) at the ridge.

Types permitted:

- Wooden construction – painted white or treated with oil.
- Aluminium frame

Depending on the greenhouse's structure, it may require a firm base (concrete) and as such you will require written permission from the parish council.

Guttering and a water butt make an excellent addition to your greenhouse, providing free water for your crops.

3. Polytunnels

Polytunnel – maximum floor area 160 square metres and anchored securely. (maximum dimensions 5.5m / 20ft long, 2.4m / 8 ft wide and 2.1m / 7ft high)

The polytunnel will be of an approved design/specification acceptable to the parish council.

Polytunnels can suffer from condensation so good ventilation is essential.

4. Fences

The erection of any new fences at the allotments requires written permission from the parish council.

The design of any fences must be specified in the application.

5. Cold frames

Cold frames offer an alternative to greenhouses and polytunnels. They are inexpensive and require no permission. They do not protect from the frost but they are useful for hardening off seedlings or using year round to grow salad crops.

A cloche is a mini, portable structure that is placed over a young plant (or row of plants) to help bring it on. Often you will see old plastic bottles being used as cloches – to make one, just cut the bottom of an old bottle and stick it over the plant and into the ground.

6. Fruit cages

These are used to protect your fruit bushes from hungry birds. You can either drape netting over the bush, or with a bit of DIY magic, build a simple frame around the plants and attach your netting. These shouldn't require any permission as the cage should not exceed the size of the fruit bush too greatly.

Signed
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