



Bishop Auckland Town Council

Application to Register an Allotment Co-worker

Allotment Site	
Plot No(s)	

Tenant's Name	
Address	
Contact Number	

I wish to register the following person as an allotment co-worker for the above allotment.

Co-worker's Name	
Address	
Date of Birth	
Contact Number	

By signing this agreement both Tenant and Co-worker agree to abide by the Council's Allotment Rules and Regulations. An extract relating to Co-workers is set out on the reverse of this form. This application supersedes all previous agreements.

Tenant's Signature		Date	
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Co-worker's Signature		Date	
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Please return this form to:

Extract from Allotment Rules and Regulations 2025

4. Co-workers

- 4.1 A co-worker is someone who assists the allotment garden Tenant with the maintenance of an allotment garden. Co-workers have no legal tenancy rights and are not responsible for any part of the annual rent. The Tenant is responsible for the Co-worker, and the Co-worker must abide by the rules and regulations. The Tenant must have a regular involvement in the maintenance of the allotment garden. The Tenant continues to be responsible for the plot even if he or she nominates a co-worker. A co-workers must be declared via a co-worker application form. A Tenant may register only one co-worker.
- 4.2 Registering a co-worker **does not award any additional rights** to a co-worker or otherwise imply the continuation of involvement on any allotment plot, should a tenancy be terminated by the Tenant or the Council. The transfer of a tenancy to a co-worker will only be considered if the co-worker agreement has been registered with the Council for a minimum period of three years, or longer than the next person to be offered a plot on the waiting list.
- 4.3 Subletting, sub-diving, 'fronting' or attempting to informally allocate a plot to a co-worker is not permitted. If it is found that the Tenant and/or co-worker is in breach of the rules and regulations and agreements relating to co-workers or Allotment Rules and Regulations, this may result in the immediate termination of any existing tenancy and/or Co-worker agreement without any previous warning or notice from the Landlord. (See: Rule 39 – Power of Eviction).
- 4.4 If the main tenant is evicted for breach of the tenancy agreement or the Allotment Rules and Regulations, the co-worker will not be eligible to take over the tenancy or apply for a future tenancy. If the co-worker has a tenancy in their own name, their own tenancy may also be scrutinised. This is to ensure accountability and uphold the standards of plot maintenance and conduct expected by the Council.
- 4.5 A co-worker can only be registered as a co-worker on one Council allotment garden tenancy. Co-workers registered on more than one plot, before the 31 October 2025 will be honoured.
- 4.6 A co-worker is not eligible to vote on Council allotment business. It is at the associations discretion if the co-worker can vote on association business and will be written into their constitution.
- 4.7 The Tenant is allowed to terminate a co-worker agreement at any time. The Council must be informed of the termination in writing.
- 4.8 The Council reserves the right to refuse to accept an application for a co-worker where, in the view of the Council, there is evidence of previous plot misuse or a history of enforcement action for such matters as non-payment of rent or cultivation issues, or where there is an ongoing dispute or investigation. (This list is not exhaustive).
- 4.9 The Council reserves the right to remove a co-worker if they have if in the reasonable opinion of the Council, threatened to or has used, violence, abusive language or intimidation to Council Officers, Councillors, or external contractors, Tenants, co-workers or owners or occupiers of adjoining or neighbouring property

5. Restriction on Assignment

- 5.1 The Tenant must not assign, charge, sub-let or part share the possession, occupation or use of the allotment garden or any part or parts thereof or allow any person to occupy the allotment garden or any part or parts thereof as a licensee. Any tenant found to be doing so will face immediate termination of tenancy.

The Allotment Rules and Regulations can be obtained on the Council's website at:
www.bishopauckland-tc.gov.uk or by request from the Town Council at the address below: