

West Ham Allotment Society Limited

Non-tenant membership

Background

The category of non-tenant membership (NTM) was agreed at the 2006 AGM. The primary reason for developing this category was so that a close friend or family member can also become a member, feel part of the Society and take on a more active role if they wish. Many members of the society have partners, close family or friends who play an important role in helping out on the allotment: prior to the implementation of this new category they were not able to have vote at meetings in relation to Society issues.

Categories of membership

1. Tenant member. A tenant member is any member who has a tenancy of an allotment plot.
2. Non-tenant member. A non-tenant member is the named relative/spouse/partner/friend of an existing tenant, who is not already a tenant-member.

Application for membership

1. Each tenant member can nominate one person to apply for non-tenant membership
2. Application for non-tenant membership involves the completion of a nomination form by an existing tenant member.
3. The tenant member must have been a member for 12 months (one operational year from January to December) before they can nominate someone to become a non-tenant member.
4. The application includes the name, age and address of the nominee and a reason nomination.
5. The nominee must be someone who already comes and helps at the plot, or who wishes to get more involved. They must be over 18.
6. Applications are to be returned to the Secretary. The application is then considered by the committee and if approved the nominee is invited to become a member.

Cost

1. On joining the Society non-tenant members purchase one share costing £1.00
2. They also pay an annual subscription of £10.00 due in January each year. This includes membership of the NSALG Ltd, and contributes to the running of the Society.

Rights and responsibilities of a non-tenant member

1. These are the same as a tenant member.
2. NTMs must adhere to all relevant rules and byelaws of the Society.
3. NTMs can vote and be voted onto the committee.
4. NTMs are not be eligible to take on the posts of Chair, Treasurer or Secretary, and are not eligible to be a signatory on the Societies bank account. However NTMs can make up a maximum of 50% of the non-executive committee members.
5. Non-tenant membership terminates when the person who nominated them terminates their tenancy.

Transfer to tenant-member status

1. Non-tenant members will be offered the plot in the event that the tenant member that nominated them either dies or resigns from the Society.
2. If NTMs then choose to take on the tenancy of the plot their membership category changes to tenant member. If they do not then the plot will let to the next person on the waiting list and the non-tenant membership ends, unless another tenant member wished to nominate them to continue as a non-tenant member.
3. NTMs can apply to have their name added to the waiting list for an allotment if they wish to take on their own tenancy in the future.

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Nomination form for non-tenant membership

Return completed forms to: Louise Joly, 116 Hind Grove, London E14 6HP louise@westhamallotments.org.uk

<i>Information about the tenant member making the application</i>	
Name of tenant making nomination	
Address	
Date of application	
Date tenant joined WHAS	
<i>Information about the nominee</i>	
Name of nominee	
Address of nominee	
Phone number of nominee	
Relationship to tenant	
Age of nominee (must be over 18)	
Reason for nomination	
<i>Information to be completed by the Secretary</i>	
Date application received	
Date of committee meeting when application considered	
Key points discussed	
Decision	
Date contacted nominee and tenant – member with decision	
Date nominee joined the Society as non-tenant member	

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