

Permission to plant fruit trees on an allotment

The purpose of an allotment is to grow mainly vegetables and fruit for home consumption. The allotment tenancy is annual and renewal of the tenancy, if at all, is contingent on the plot being in a reasonable state of cultivation and the rules as expressed in Section 4 being observed. All plots are subject to formal inspections. In the majority of instances the tenancy will be renewed.

Any tenant wishing to plant fruit trees or perennial bushes must seek written permission from Enable Parks before planting.

Fruit trees and bushes

- must be maintained in good condition and regularly pruned;
- branches should not be allowed to cause obstruction on common pathways
- should be planted well within the boundary of the plot, at least 450 mm/18 inches within the boundary of the plot
- should not cause undue shade on neighbouring plots

There may be instances when it would be preferable to plant the tree in a tub rather than direct in the soil.

Fruit trees must be on dwarf rootstock. It should be possible to harvest fruit and to prune the tree without climbing the tree or any other structure. Suitable rootstocks are:

- M27 for apples, extremely dwarfing
- M9 for apples, dwarfing
- M26 for apples, dwarfing
- Pixie for plum trees, dwarfing
- Gisela 5 or G5 for cherries, semi-dwarfing
- Quince A or for pears, semi-dwarfing
- Quince C for pears, dwarfing

Trees other than fruit trees are not permitted on an allotment.