

Haslemere Allotments Association

Guidelines for erecting a shed/greenhouse/polytunnel

Permission is subject to consent by the Committee. Permission will normally be granted on condition that you follow the rules outlined below. Our primary objectives are to minimise the shade cast on neighbouring plots by newly erected structures, and to enable easy access for wheelbarrows and trolleys on paths. You are not permitted to build anything permanent on your plot.

All structures

There should be at least 30cm between the newly erected shed/greenhouse/polytunnel and the four boundaries of your plot. If your plot is adjacent to the perimeter fence you should leave at least 60cm between it and your structure.

You may have only one greenhouse/polytunnel on each half plot.

Sheds

Sheds must be temporary and should not be built of brick or concrete. That includes the foundation. We recommend resting sheds on concrete slabs or bricks that are not fixed. Sheds should NOT be set on a poured concrete base, scalping or any other hard core.

Sheds on full plots must not be larger than 3m x 3.6m. Sheds on half plots should not be larger than 2.4m x 2.1m.

Sheds should be no taller than 2.5m at their highest point.

Greenhouses

Greenhouses on full plots should not be larger than 3m x 3.6m. Greenhouses on half plots should not be larger than 2.4m x 2.1m.

Greenhouses should be no taller than 2.5m at their highest point.

Polytunnels

Polytunnels should be no larger than 2m x 4m.

Good practice

Choose a site for your newly installed structure that minimises shade cast on to neighbouring plots.

When erecting a shed, ensure the ground is level (sand helps), cover the soil with weed suppressing membrane and then paving slabs or bricks. Put the shed on top. A pallet base will rot, become uneven over time, and attract mice and rats.

To secure polytunnels in high winds, use the trench method.

To save rainwater, and ensure you have a supply over winter, add guttering to shed roofs and drain into a water butt or tank.

Insurance

Please be aware that our insurance policy does not cover sheds, greenhouses and polytunnels, or their contents, and we do not accept any liability for loss or damage.

When you relinquish your plot, please clear your shed or greenhouse of any possessions.

When your shed/greenhouse/polytunnel has been erected, it will be inspected by a committee member. If it fails to meet the rules, you will have to alter it at your own expense. If you would like to discuss the placement of your structure before you install it, please contact the Committee and we will arrange to meet you on your plot.

HAA Committee

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