

Membership T&Cs

Our definition of 'community garden'

- Our garden is a shared, communal space where we all work together to learn from each other and grow our produce.
- We are not allotments and plots will not be allocated to members for their sole use.
- Plots will be organised based on the horticultural needs of crops grown, as directed by the lead volunteer(s).

Our definition of 'membership'

- Membership is open to all residents of Lambeth aged 18 and over on the date of joining.
- Individual membership is £20 per year; concessions (unemployed/retired/disabled) £10 per year.
- Joint membership: £30 per year (2 adults).
- U18s may visit the site for free, accompanied / supervised by a member.
- Members with a disability may bring a carer, with no additional fees payable.

Benefits of membership

- Access to social events and volunteering opportunities.
- A share in produce grown, based on contributing to work in the garden (process tba by the Management Committee).
- A voice in decision making and the right to vote at the AGM.
- Able to stand for election as a Trustee or member of the Management Committee.

All members commit to the following responsibilities:

- To pay the required membership fee.
- To abide by the code of conduct (available on our website and displayed on site).
- To abide by the health and safety policy (available on our website) and safety notices on site.

Joining and renewing membership

- Membership runs from **1 July to 30 June** each year.
- For 2021/22, full-year fees are: £20 for individuals, £10 for the unwaged and concessions, £30 for joint members, and pro-rata across the quarters.
- For our purposes the quarters are:
 - Q1: July, August, September
 - Q2: October, November, December
 - Q3: January, February, March
 - Q4: April, May, JuneHence, if you join up in October, you pay for three quarters (Q2, Q3 and Q4), which is £15 for an individual, £7.50 for a concession individual, and £22.50 for joint members.
- Renewal reminders will be sent in advance of the date of expiry.

Cancellations / refunds

- Notification of membership cancellation can be given at any time and membership will cease at the end of the term.
- Refunds will not be given for any remaining period after notification of intention to cancel.

Revocation of membership

- The RCGA reserves the right to revoke membership where an individual is found to have:
 - not met the criteria for membership
 - breached the code of conduct and/or the health and safety policy
 - done anything which may bring the Railside Community Garden Association into disrepute.
- Revocation of membership will be communicated to the individual concerned in writing (by post or email) and shall take place with immediate effect.
- An individual may appeal to the Trustees within two weeks of the decision, citing their reasons. The decision of the Trustees will be final.

Communication and personal data

- All members will receive communications from the RCGA in order to properly administer their membership.
- RCGA will not send any other updates or marketing (e.g. latest news, updates on sharing produce, volunteering opportunities, fundraising) unless an individual has opted in to receive these.