

Nairn Allotment Society- Code of Practice Plot Cultivation

This policy for plot cultivation standards has been prompted by a number of factors.

- The need to encourage and support a high standard of plot productivity and maintenance
- The demand for plots has now risen to a situation whereby there is a waiting list
- The Highland Council expectations within the lease agreement
- The ongoing standards required by our funding partners

Our rules and regulations have already set out a process for ensuring we achieve good levels of cultivation and general maintenance and these have now been updated to reflect this clearer policy.

The committee has an objective to achieve a situation over the next few years where all plots are fully cultivated.

Many plots are already at this level and so it is necessary to give every possible encouragement and incentive as well as helpful advice to those who currently are not achieving this standard.

“Fully cultivated” is taken to mean that the plot is either in readiness for growing, well stocked with growing produce relevant to the time of year, or is in the process of being prepared for the following crops or season.

Plots will be inspected by assigned committee members every month during the growing season between April - October. This is to monitor cultivation level and general maintenance as well as noting any non conformance of any of its rules and regulations. Those plot holders who fail to reach a level of what is considered to be satisfactory will be advised via email/letter and they will be expected to make lasting improvements within a specified period of time.

The committee recognises that every plot holder has his or her own personal circumstances which at times can influence their ability to achieve the above standards but it also acknowledges that the Society has to be managed in a professional way and that each plot holder has to share that responsibility.