

## Changes to Plot Inspection System

A new 'traffic lights' plot inspection system will start this season. The inspection criteria have been revised to take account of the new rules from [Highland Council](#) published in 2024. The new system will identify potentially failing plots sooner to try and prevent problems escalating and impacting on neighbouring plots.

### Why are we starting a new inspection system?

Our previous system graded plots either a Pass or a Fail. However, the Inspection Team noticed last year that a number of plots that passed overall had some issues that required attention. It is important that plots are cultivated and maintained and we recommend that any fallow areas are covered with either cardboard or weed membrane to prevent seeding weeds spreading throughout the site.

### How will it work?

The Traffic Lights will work as follows:

After the inspection team check over the plot it will be graded as follows:

GREEN	PASS - well done. Things are looking great
AMBER	PASS - but there are some areas of concern on the plot that require attention by the plotter to keep the plot on track
RED	FAIL - significant problems were identified during the inspection process

Any RED scoring will be verified by the Chair/Vice Chair before the plot holder is contacted and asked to meet with members of the committee to discuss remedial action.

AMBER scoring plot holders will also be contacted to follow up on the concerns raised during the inspection process.

### When will the inspections take place?

Plot inspections will be clearly advertised in advance on noticeboards and around the site. Here is a guide below:

March/April	First inspection to check that cultivation has begun for the season.
End May	Check to ensure that cultivation and planting is well advanced

July	High summer to check on progress
Oct/Nov	Check that plots are tidied for the winter season

Adverse weather may influence when first and last inspections take place.

A copy of the new inspection form is available for all plotters to look at on the [Nairn Allotment Society website](#)

Please can all plotters remember to inform the committee of any change in their contact details. To do this go to the above website and click on the Contact tab.