



SOUTH CREAKE PARISH COUNCIL

Allotment Policy for Animals

March 2026

1. Introduction

This policy is for any Tenant who holds an Allotment Tenancy Agreement at either of the Allotment sites in South Creak. It will also be used by Councillors when considering applications to keep animals on allotments. The policy is for Tenants applying for written permission to erect housing and runs to keep chickens (hens not cockerels) on the allotment as per the Allotment Tenancy Agreement.

We have a limit of 12 hens on both sites per allotment household.

2. Before applying

2.1 The Tenant must be confident and know how to care for Chickens they wish to have on their allotment plot. Details on the care of Chickens can be found on the RSPCA sites <https://www.rspca.org.uk/adviceandwelfare/farm/farmanimals/chickens> <https://www.rspca.org.uk/adviceandwelfare/farm/layinghens>

3. Legal responsibilities

Under the [Animal Welfare Act 2006](#), you must make sure your animals:

- Have a safe and suitable environment to live
- Eat the right food and have plenty of water
- Can behave naturally
- Are protected & checked regarding pain, injury and illness
- They are kept with or apart from other animals as needed. Failure to comply with the Animal Welfare Act 2006 may result in prosecution.

4. Your responsibilities

- You are responsible for your animals, even in emergencies like fire or flooding.
- You must report serious or contagious health issues to the Council and advise when the issue is resolved.
- You must respond to any reports of bird flu and act in accordance with the advice available.
- If the council needs to call a vet or the RSPCA due to neglect, you will be charged for any costs incurred.

- You must keep up to date with any changes made to the Animal Welfare Act

2006.

- In accordance with the Allotment act your chickens must not cause a nuisance or health hazard for other plot holders or residents. In this we ask you to implement rodent control and include details on the chicken application form

5. Enforcement by the Parish Council

If you fail to comply with this policy, we may:

- Ask you to remove all the livestock
- Remove and dispose of them ourselves if you fail to do so and recharge you for the costs incurred.
- We may also ask you to remove your livestock if it is necessary in the interests of public safety, for example to contain the spread of disease.
- We may also consider it necessary to terminate your allotment tenancy.

THIS POLICY WILL BE INTRODUCED ON THE 1ST OF APRIL 2027 THUS GIVING
TENANTS 12 MONTHS NOTICE

14TH March 2025

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**Chicken Application Form to be signed and returned to the
Parish Council Clerk.**

Application Date:

Allotment site: Back Street/ Leicester Road (delete as appropriate)

Plot Number:(s)

Plot holder name:

Number of Hens

Backup Keeper's Name:.....

Back up Keepers Telephone Number:.....

DEFRA registration details.....

Rodent Control information.....

I understand that I am solely responsible for the livestock kept on my allotment plot(s). I agree to pay any costs incurred for the removal, relocation and disposal of the Livestock at the end of my Lease agreement. I agree to pay for any damages inflicted on other property or plots caused by my livestock.

All tenants are required to sign and return an application form agreeing to the conditional terms of tenancy consequently agreeing to provide all the above information, adhering to the terms and conditions and undertaking a probationary period of 12 months from the date below.

I wholly agree to comply with the above rules and regulations

Plot Holder Signature.....

Date.....

Authorised by

South Creake Parish Council Clerk

Date Authorised