

# Woburn Sands & District Allotment Society

## By Laws and Guidelines Relating to Bonfires

1. These By Laws and Guidelines supersede those sent to Allotment Society Members in early June '12. This document is now the definitive version on this topic. Even if you signed and returned the previous reply form, you are required to complete and return the one below.
2. A Plot Holder who has not signed, dated and returned the attached form will not be allowed to have a bonfire. Any contravention of this requirement may lead to dismissal from the Allotment Society.
3. Bonfires may only be lit between 1st October and 30th April. Any Plot Holder not abiding by this By Law may be dismissed from the Society.
4. Great care must be taken to ensure that smoke does not blow over onto Tidbury Close. Therefore, prevailing wind direction at the time the bonfire is lit will be of paramount importance and must be taken into account.
5. Plot Holders nearest to Tidbury Close must have bonfires on their plot at the furthest point away from these homes.
6. Bonfires are banned between May 1st and September 30th, there being no exception to this rule. Lighting a bonfire between these dates may result in the Plot Holder being dismissed from the Society.
7. **No bonfires to be lit on Sundays.**
8. Bonfires should only contain dry allotment material, which will help reduce smoke. Materials that must not be burnt are tyres, carpets, oil, plastics, or any other toxic material. Materials must not be brought onto the field for burning, eg burning of domestic household waste is prohibited. Bonfires must only be lit on an authorised Plot Holder's own plot, not on other plots, or on paths and walkways.
9. Try to keep the bonfire small, hot and feed it a little at a time to maintain the heat. This minimises smoke emissions. In this way, a bonfire should last no longer than an hour.
10. Smoke may occasionally blow across the Field from lighted bonfires, therefore we would, naturally, expect other Plot Holders to be tolerant towards any such smoke. This has always been the situation before the bonfire ban was imposed.
11. Plot Holders must not leave their bonfire unattended and must stay on the field for a minimum of one hour after bonfires have been extinguished. Use water to douse and extinguish, if necessary.
12. Unattended or nuisance bonfires must be reported to a Committee Member immediately.
13. Please be aware that, if Plot Holders do not strictly adhere to the above By Laws and Guidelines, the Management Committee will have no alternative other than to reinstate the bonfire ban.

If you wish to have bonfires, please complete the form below and return to:  
Trevor Templeman, 15 Pine Grove, Woburn Sands, Milton Keynes, MK17 8PX

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To: Trevor Templeman, Woburn Sands & District Allotment Society.  
I have read the attached By Laws and Guidelines relating to bonfires. These are understood  
and I will abide by the conditions imposed.

Print Name : .....

Signed : .....

Plot Number(s) : ..... Date: .....