



# Bishops Stortford Town Council

## Tenancy Agreement for keeping Bees on Allotments

### INTRODUCTION

The Town Council is promoting the keeping of bees, on its allotments, as the pollination will enhance the production of vegetables, fruit and flowers.

The maximum number of hives per allotment is 2.

### REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION

It is a requirement of keeping bees on an allotment that the tenant belongs to The British Beekeepers Association ([www.britishbee.org.uk](http://www.britishbee.org.uk)) or local registered association, which is affiliated to the BBKA. Proof of membership (which should include insurance) and training course(s) undertaken will be required.

**All hive equipment must have contact information prominently displayed.**

Representatives of Bishops Stortford Town Council or Bishops Stortford Allotment & Garden Association have the right to inspect the bees at any time. If the Council has cause to investigate complaints of nuisance, costs of official inspections will be passed to the tenant for payment.

### BEE ENVIRONMENT

Bees must only be kept in the designated area. Beekeepers must liaise with a representative of Bishops Stortford Town Council to ensure that sufficient screening (eg at least 6' high netting, natural hedging, wooden fencing etc.) is in place to allow the bees a high enough flight path. It is the beekeepers responsibility to provide this if necessary. The hives should be sited sheltered from wind. Hives should not be placed under trees, which could cause damp conditions. Beekeepers should not put colonies of bees known to be of an aggressive temperament on allotments.

### HEALTH

Protective beekeeping clothing must be worn.

## **NUSIANCE TO NEIGHBOURS AND CLEANLINESS**

Beekeepers should not use the designated allotment area as storage space for keeping equipment that does not contain bees. No wax comb should be left exposed in an apiary, it must be stored in a bee proof way. Allotment tenants have a duty as part of the Allotment Tenancy Conditions not to cause a nuisance to others. In the keeping of bees on an allotment site, tenants should take all reasonable measures to minimise potential nuisances.

## **BEEES FOR PROFIT**

Allotment tenants are not permitted to profit from the sale of produce on the allotment site.

## **NOTE**

Failure to adhere to the above guidelines may result in a breach of tenancy conditions and termination of the allotment tenancy.