WICKHAM MARKET ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION 2026

1. The name of the Association shall be the Wickham Market Allotment Association.

2. Objects: The objects of the Association shall be:

(a) To promote the interests of all members in their allotment gardening activities and to take joint action for the benefit of members.

(b) To actively liaise with WMPC on behalf of the WMAA members to ensure that the needs of the members are represented and appropriate action to resolve issues are acted upon when required.

(c) To arrange allotmenteers insurance for each member of the WMAA as defined and provided by the National Allotment Society.

(d) To ensure, as far as is reasonably possible, that WMAA members comply with the WMPC Tenancy Agreement.

(e) To negotiate a supply of seeds, fertilisers, tools and other gardening equipment at a favourable discount as far as is reasonably possible for members.

(f) To arrange for discussions, visits to places of interest, exhibitions and social events.

3. Members: The Association shall consist of such allotment holders resident within Wickham Market and neighbouring areas whose applications for membership are accepted by the Committee.

4. Subscriptions: Every member on joining the Association shall pay a membership fee, which shall be set each year by the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The membership year shall run from the 1st October.

5. Officers: The officers of the Association shall be a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer. They shall be elected at each AGM. Retiring officers shall be eligible for re-election. They shall be members of the Committee.

6. Committee: The affairs of the Association shall be conducted by a Committee of Management of not fewer than six and not greater than 12 members. In order to fairly represent the membership from each site, the committee shall comprise of an approximately equal number of members from each site. The Committee shall be elected at the AGM, but vacant positions may be filled by appointment by the Committee. A quorum shall be no fewer than three members.

7. Annual General Meeting: The AGM shall be held at such time and place as the Committee or a General Meeting shall decide. Ten members shall form a quorum. At the AGM the finalised accounts together with the Chairman's and Secretary's s Report shall be submitted and the officers and Committee for the ensuing year shall be elected.

8. Special General Meetings shall be called upon a written request to the Secretary signed by at least ten members. Ten members shall constitute a quorum at such a meeting.

9. Termination of membership. The Committee may terminate membership of any member whose behaviour has been detrimental to the Association. An appeal against such a decision may be made to the AGM or to a Special General Meeting.

10. Bank Accounts: The Committee shall open such bank or building society accounts as are considered necessary for the business of the Association in the name of the Association. All money received on behalf of the Association shall be paid into the accounts.

11. Approval of Accounts: The accounts will be presented to members at the AGM and be formally approved by the members present.

12. Affiliation: The Wickham Market Allotment Association will be affiliated to the National Allotment Society which provides additional benefits to the members.

13. Constitution: The Association may be dissolved, or its Constitution amended by a two thirds majority of members present at a Special or AGM, the objects of which shall have been stated in writing at least fourteen days in advance of the meeting. The constitution will be available to view/download on the Association website, wmallottments.org.uk.