Greenhouse code of conduct

Association members can apply for a growing space. Only one plot per person, unless empty plots are available. Growing spaces are marked out in equal size plots. Taking a plot indicates agreement to abide by the code of conduct, below. Fee of £8 per plot per year for maintenance/repair.

Code of Conduct	**Reasons**
All canes to have tops. Support structures kept well away from the sides	To avoid damage by puncture and wind rub damage
Growing space allocated for one year. Negotiation possible for same space the following year. Users deemed to be not using the space to give up their area	May need to reorganise space year by year
Plants can be grown in the soil but a record needs to be kept of which plants were grown where. Growbags and pots preferred	Reduces soil contamination, soil born diseases for future years
Avoid growing perennial plants such as vines and soft fruits in the ground.	Space may need to be reorganised the following year
Keep area free of weeds	Reduces spread of weeds
Look out for pests/diseases, notify neighbours – tackle at first sign Don't treat neighbours plants without permission	Reduces build up of pest/disease
Dispose of plants/compost outside the greenhouse – can use the hotbin composter	Avoiding soil contamination/disease
Notify greenhouse manager of damage/disputes etc	Early action can be taken
Use rain water where appropriate	Reduces water bill for Trustees. Reduced environmental impact
Notify manager if giving up space after early season usage. Space can be shared	Late arrivals/friends catered for
Give ideas and suggestions on how to improve management and codes of conduct	Need to be responsive and adaptive to members ideas and improvement
Wash inside of plastic for your area and help washing the outside plastic once a year	Maintains clean environment, reduces plastic deterioration and good light transmission for growing plants
Help with the maintenance and plastic recovering when requested	Reduces maintenance work falling on the shoulders of just a few people
Agree to abide by decisions of greenhouse manager. Appeals can be made to Allotment Association Committee	Important to have an arbitrator of disputes/ non-compliance with agreements

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