

Scottish Allotments

Tools Project 2020



Scottish Allotments
and Gardens Society

Following on from the success of a project in 2018, Scottish Allotments (SAGS) are delighted to announce a follow up project in 2020.

The Scottish Government has made funding available to support small community organisations facing disadvantage to improve their resilience. The Scottish Community Alliance (SCA) whose aim is to represent and support the community sector in Scotland secured this funding and Scottish Allotments have been allocated a proportion to improve resilience and address disadvantage in Scotland's allotment sites.

Good tools are essential for working an allotment but purchasing them can be a considerable investment. We hope by providing gardening tools that anyone, whatever their financial circumstances, will be able to participate on an allotment site.



Scottish Allotments will therefore use the funding to purchase packages of good quality and long-lasting tools for use by allotment plot holders.

Allotment sites in disadvantaged areas located in the top 20% of Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) areas are invited to apply for one of these packages.

Apply for a tools bundle:

Allotment associations are invited to apply for a self-selected package of tools valued at £500. The tools must be held communally on the allotment site in a secure area where any member of the site can easily borrow, use and return them.

We are able to allocate packages consisting of tools selected from the following:

Wheelbarrow
Soil Miller and Handle
Spade - large - 32"
Spade - medium - 28"
Fork - large - 32"
Fork - medium - 28"
Dutch Hoe - 5"
Draw Hoe
Soil Rake

Trowel
Hand Fork
Dibber
Bypass Secateurs
Ratchet Secateurs
Tree Pruner and Telescopic Handle
Hammer 7lb
Hatchet

Successful applicants will be asked to select from this list up to a value of £500. Tools will be supplied to sites during April 2020.

Deadline for applications: March 31st 2020

Eligibility Criteria:

Sites do not require to be members of Scottish Allotments and if successful will be awarded an annual membership for the site.

To apply, your allotment association must be located in the top 20% of disadvantaged areas according to the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD). Your association must also have a constitution and elected committee and supply a named person who will manage the process within their site

How to apply:

By e-mail to tools@sags.org.uk with the following details:

- Responsible person's name and home address
- Responsible person's email telephone number/s
- Name and address of site and GPS coordinates if possible
- SIMD classification of site area, available from <http://simd.scot> or from your local council

Selection Process:

If the offer is oversubscribed, selection will be by a random draw.

Terms and conditions:

All participants must agree to take part in publicity that will take the form of a few photographs and some basic site information to include in our newsletter and reporting to SCA and potentially, the Press.

Each allotment site in receipt of the grant will be required to provide a paragraph with an overview of how often the tools have been used and by whom during the first six months.

Scottish Allotments will also ask the site representative after twelve months site to produce a report of how useful the tools have been and whether the experience could prove useful should a similar project be run again. At this point, photos will be requested for use in a final project report.

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