

Asbestos management plan

St Georges and Grays Allotments

Purpose: To set out the management plan for reducing the risk of exposure to asbestos on the allotments and to set out the procedure for removing asbestos when it is found.

1 Overview:

Asbestos was widely used by the construction industry before 1995. Products such as cement sheets, roof panels, ceiling tiles, ceiling coatings and PVC floor tiles may all contain asbestos. Not all asbestos material presents the same risk.

The type of asbestos that is generally found on the allotment sites is white asbestos normally in the form of cement panels and usually found as fragments in the soil. The white asbestos is generally considered "low risk" because the asbestos fibres are bonded with the material so it is more difficult for them to be released into the air. Asbestos is not considered hazardous as long as it remains in place and undamaged. When asbestos is damaged that it when the fibres are disturbed and can be released into the air and inhaled.

St George's allotments historically had buildings on the site that are believed to have been constructed using asbestos cement. According to Health and Safety England, the removal of asbestos cement products, provided the material is carefully handled/removed without breaking up, can be removed as non-licensed work with asbestos in most cases.

Due to the history of the allotment site, the Parish Council treats all suspected asbestos as asbestos and will follow the protocol in section 4.

2 Responsibility:

As the land owner, the Parish Council is responsible for implementing the Asbestos Management Plan and the Allotment Association will help facilitate the plan.

All plot holders are responsible for acting in accordance with the plan and reporting issues to the Allotment Association and Parish Council.

The contact details for the Parish Council and Allotment Association can be found below. When reporting asbestos, inform both organisations.

Name	Contact Details	Organisation
Sophie Marriage	assistantclerk@melbournpc.co.uk 01763 263303 (option 3)	Melbourn Parish Council
Graham Place/ Chris Selway		Allotment Association

3 General safety advice:

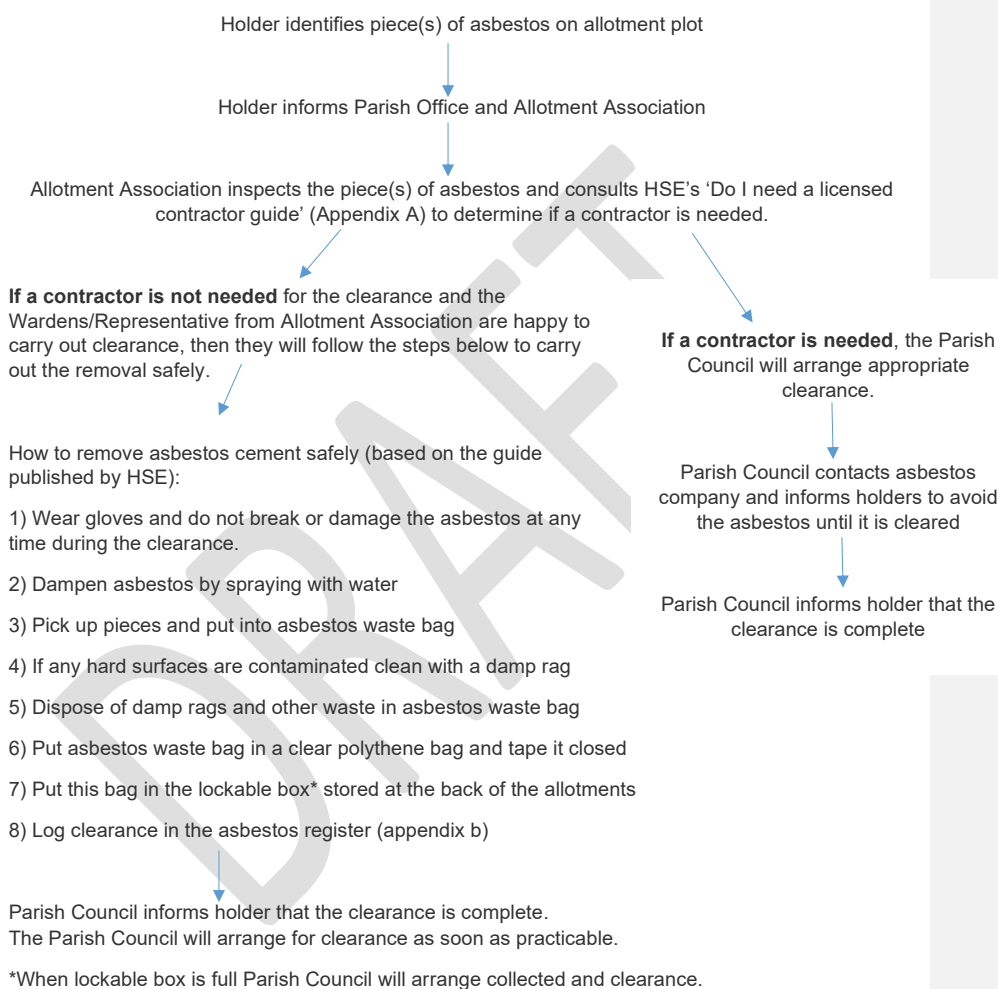
Asbestos is only dangerous when it is disturbed and when managed safely and contained, it does not present a hazard. If you do come across a piece of asbestos do not break or damage because this may release fibres which are hazardous if inhaled.

Supervise children at all times when they are at the allotments. Plants can only absorb water soluble minerals. Asbestos is not soluble and therefore it is safe to plant, grow, and consume produce from the allotments. It is advisable to wash produce with clean water before consuming.

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If you are unsure about whether a piece of material contains asbestos, you should presume it does and follow the steps set out in section 4.

4 When asbestos is found on a plot:



5 Reducing the risk of exposure to asbestos:

Pieces of asbestos have been found across the allotments over several years. In order to reduce the amount of asbestos, the Parish Council will get a contractor to carry out annual site walks to clear all visible asbestos. This will reduce the amount of asbestos at the allotments and limit the risk of exposure to pieces of asbestos over time.

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Health and Safety England <https://www.hse.gov.uk/asbestos/managing/isitlicensed.htm>**Do I need a licensed contractor or a trained contractor?**

Task	Material	Asbestos type	1 hour threshold	Action
Remove	Loose or spray or lag	White	More than 1 hour	Licensed
Remove	Loose or spray or lag	White	Less than 1 hour	Licensed
Remove	Loose or spray or lag	Brown or blue	More than 1 hour	Licensed
Remove	Loose or spray or lag	Brown or blue	Less than 1 hour	Licensed
Remove	Loose or spray or lag	Unknown - presumed	More than 1 hour	Licensed
Remove	Loose or spray or lag	Unknown - presumed	Less than 1 hour	Licensed
Remove	Insulation	White	More than 1 hour	Licensed
Remove	Insulation	White	Less than 1 hour	Licensed
Remove	Insulation	Brown or blue	More than 1 hour	Licensed
Remove	Insulation	Brown or blue	Less than 1 hour	Licensed
Remove	Insulation	Unknown - presumed	More than 1 hour	Licensed
Remove	Insulation	Unknown - presumed	Less than 1 hour	Licensed
Remove	AIB board or block	Brown or blue	More than 1 hour	Licensed
Remove	AIB board or block	Unknown - presumed	More than 1 hour	Licensed
Repair	Loose or spray or lag	White	More than 1 hour	Licensed

Task	Material	Asbestos type	1 hour threshold	Action
Repair	Loose or spray or lag	White	Less than 1 hour	Licensed
Remove	Fabric, rope, yarn etc	Brown or blue	More than 1 hour	May be licensed
Remove	Fabric, rope, yarn etc	Unknown - presumed	More than 1 hour	May be licensed
Remove	AIB board or block	Brown or blue	Less than 1 hour	Non-licensed
Remove	AIB board or block	Unknown - presumed	Less than 1 hour	Non-licensed
Remove	Fabric, rope, yarn etc	White	More than 1 hour	Non-licensed
Remove	Fabric, rope, yarn etc	White	Less than 1 hour	Non-licensed
Remove	Fabric, rope, yarn etc	Brown or blue	Less than 1 hour	Non-licensed
Remove	Fabric, rope, yarn etc	Unknown - presumed	Less than 1 hour	Non-licensed
Remove	Matrix product	White	More than 1 hour	Non-licensed
Remove	Matrix product	White	Less than 1 hour	Non-licensed
Remove	Matrix product	Brown or blue	More than 1 hour	Non-licensed
Remove	Matrix product	Brown or blue	Less than 1 hour	Non-licensed
Remove	Matrix product	Unknown - presumed	More than 1 hour	Non-licensed
Remove	Matrix product	Unknown - presumed	Less than 1 hour	Non-licensed

Appendix B

Asbestos Register:

To be completed on each inspection

Date of Clearance	Name	Plot Number and site name	Time taken to clear	Does lockable box need emptying?

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