

Rules for SKGAS WhatsApp groups

- Always remember what the group is about – allotments and gardening. Don't share irrelevant messages about other topics.
- Don't spam the group. If you'd like a group to share memes, ads or businesses, create one for that exact purpose and invite others to join.
- Post your message in a single piece of text, don't post every word or phrase in a new message.
- Don't have individual conversations in the group. If you want to chat, switch to private replies or messages.
- Do not post to any group between 21:00 pm and 07:00 am unless it is a total emergency. By emergency, we mean the “blood, flood, and broken bones” type of emergency, not the “I needed the soup recipe at 2 am because I was hungry” type of emergency.
- If a message asks for a positive response, eg attending a work group, don't respond negatively. Just say if you can attend.
- If someone asks a question and you don't know the answer, don't respond with “I don't know”. Wait for someone who knows the answer to respond.
- Please don't send a hundred thank you messages. If you feel grateful to someone – let them know in a private message.
- If someone asks a question of a personal nature (such as asking for advice), don't respond if someone else has already responded, or respond directly to the person in a private message.
- The group is not a political/religious/nationalist platform. No arguments, no heated opinions, no fears, no exaggerated drama, no false news. Check your sources before sharing.
- NEVER, NEVER use a group to scold someone or voice grievances. If you have a problem, please deal with the person in question personally.
- Always ask someone if you can add them before adding them.
- If you want time out from the group, just press “Mute”. You will still receive all messages, but your phone will not buzz or make noise for each one.
- If you're not sure about whether you should post, ask yourself **these three questions** before posting:
 - Is this relevant?
 - Is this necessary?
 - Is this a good time to post?

All SKGAS rules and byelaws can be found in the members' area of the [website](#).