

'Means of Use' for events and activities at Nightingale Garden

The vision for Nightingale Garden is to be **'a biodiverse garden for everyone to enjoy'**.

1. **The primary use of the garden should be for informal leisure.** People coming to the garden on their own, in family groups or with friends and making use of it in a similar way to using the adjacent park. People should feel it is a place that is free to use.
2. **There will be no activities and events in the garden after dark,** including set-up or take-down of events. Activities need to finish well before dusk so volunteers closing the gate can do so on time.
3. **There will be no private parties, including birthday parties, held in the garden.** People can set these up in the park and then come into the garden to use it, if they want to, alongside other garden users.
4. **Preference will be given to Nightingale Gardeners group** for necessary garden volunteering and for occasional, small social events for their volunteers and Friends group.
5. **Preference will be given to Nightingale Gardeners group for small events and activities** for biodiversity and nature-friendly gardening. These are not expected to be too frequent.
6. **People hiring the garden won't be given gate keys or allowed access to the inside spaces in the garden.** There are some chairs and tables in the garden that are freely available and suitable for small groups using the garden for informal leisure. Other groups will need to bring their own furniture and gain a hire agreement via City Council Assets.
7. **In their Statement of Intent, people hiring the garden will need to outline the location of their use within the garden and possible impacts of use on the garden.** This is so Garden Co-ordinators can ensure the garden is prepared for the use.
8. City Council Assets and the Garden Co-ordinators will **use a triage in line with the City Council Event Policy to factor if the event/activity 'benefits the city'** and also the community garden.
9. **City Council Assets will determine if an application and/or hire fee is to be payable.** This will be kept by City Council Assets to fund their administration costs of their application software

These are in accordance with the City Council policy for hire of parks and open spaces for events; this has links to a Statement of Intent online application form:

<https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/hire-a-park-or-open-space-for-your-event>