

[Draft] Usage Guidelines for the Inner Temple Garden

1. The Garden is usually open to the public 12.30-3pm Monday to Friday.
2. Members of the Inn and Professional Tenants can use the Garden during public opening hours. Written applications for additional access outside of these hours can be made to the Treasury Office.
3. Benchers and Residents of Inner Temple and Middle Temple have access to the Garden 7 days per week/ 24 hours a day.
4. During private hires of the Garden, Benchers and Residents are asked to respect the exclusivity expected by the hirer¹ and the need for contractors to have unimpeded access when setting up for and clearing up after events. At such times, Benchers and Residents are asked to refrain from picnicking and other activities on the lawn and main pathway and are asked to restrict their use of the Garden to the Broadwalk. Please access and egress the Garden through the gates at 11 KBW and Middle Temple Lane and remain on the Broadwalk. All dogs must remain on leads in the event of a private event.
5. When the Head Gardener or Porters consider closure of the Garden necessary for safety reasons, the Garden will be closed to the public and all fob access will be remotely deactivated for the specified period of closure. Such closures could be due to winds over 30mph, pesticide spraying, lawn maintenance or security breaches.
6. In the case of Garden closure, we encourage Residents and Members and Tenants to make use of alternative green spaces available on the Estate such as Hare Court, Goldsmith Square, Elm Court and Fountain Court.
7. Only dogs belonging to Residents of Inner and Middle Temple are allowed into the garden. All dog foul must be disposed of in the special bins provided (located at Middle Temple Gate and 13 KBW). Dogs must be kept out of flower borders and long grass areas. During public opening dogs must be kept on a lead.
8. During the Inn's Christmas closure the Garden will be locked, however Residents will have access through the Easy Access Gate on Crown Office Row.
9. Users are expected to exercise consideration for nearby Chambers and Residents and to leave the Garden as they find it. Anyone considered by the Head Gardener or Porters to be making unreasonable use of the Garden may be asked to leave.
10. Alcohol is not permitted in the Garden during public opening hours.
11. Barbeques are not permitted in the Garden at any time.
12. Ball games and exercise classes are not permitted unless by prior written consent from the Head Gardener.

If you wish to comment on the Draft Guidelines, please email the Head Gardener at pottingshed@innertemple.org.uk, marked 'Guidelines', by 17 October 2016.

¹ Contract hire terms of the Garden, and all event spaces within the Inn, specify exclusivity of the venue to the hirer for the duration of the event. Broadly, the event season within the Garden is approximately six weeks in duration, usually from June to mid-July. Within each of these weeks the Garden is normally only hired for 3 – 4 nights.