Guidance for Users of the Community Garden

The New Milton Community Garden is open to all and provides a valuable resource for the local community. Whether you are a volunteer carrying out work in the garden or visiting to enjoy the space, your safety and wellbeing is a priority. In order to ensure your own safety and that of others, please observe the following guidelines:

- Wearing strong and sensible footwear is recommended
- Protect hands with garden gloves if working in the garden
- Wear appropriate clothing according to the weather, i.e. warm/waterproof clothing in cold/wet weather and sun protection/sun hats in hot weather
- Take care in wet conditions or on slippery ground
- Please take care on any uneven ground when crossing the field
- Keep all pathways clear
- To avoid trip hazards, do not leave garden tools lying on the ground
- Use garden tools safely, particularly those with sharp edges
- Lift any heavy objects safely and ask for help if necessary
- Only undertake tasks for which you have the required skills and experience
- Unsupervised use of the garden is at your own risk
- Look out for any animal mess and wear gloves to dispose of safely – either in a bin bag or one of the designated bins by the Fawcett's Field car park
- Children and students must be supervised at all times by a responsible adult/teacher
- Own tools are used at owner's risk
- No power tools are to be used by volunteers
- Exercise caution when working near water butts and compost heaps
- Use gloves and exercise care when handling compost or other loose materials
- Wash hands after working in the garden
- Please treat others with respect – unacceptable behaviour will not be tolerated
- Report any accidents to the NMCG trustees by email at communitygardentrustees@gmail.com or via the NMCG Emergency Contact Number 07526 488589.

I accept these guidelines and volunteer at my own risk:

Name: ……..

Signed: …….

Date: …….