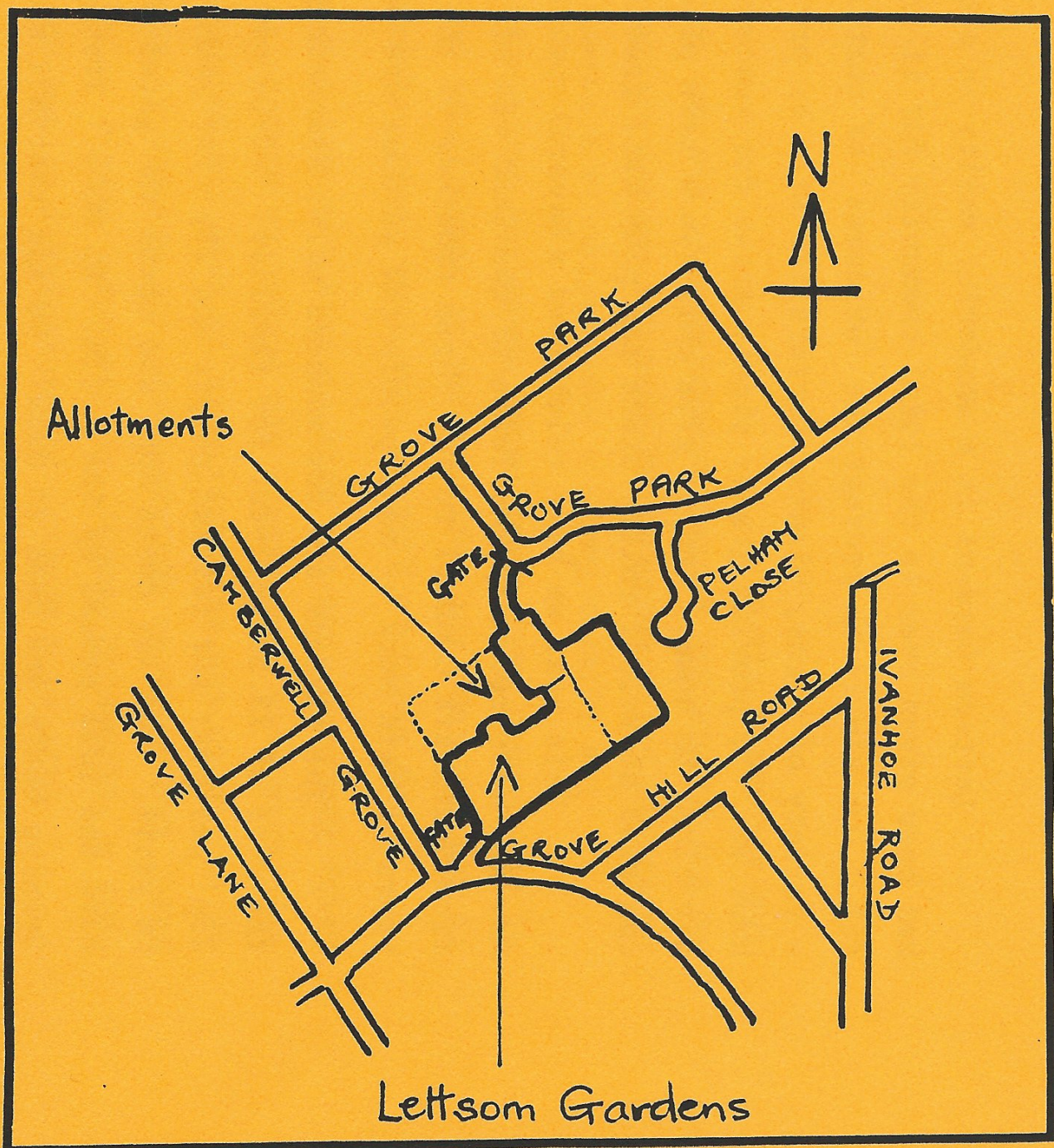


ALL ABOUT THE LETTSOM GARDENS ASSOCIATION



Lettsom Gardens is a wonderful rarity in a city area. Land that has been given over to the local community for it to develop as it sees fit. Our aim is to protect the 'wildness' of certain areas and encourage a variety of birds, plants, butterflies etc. by providing the right habitat. To provide grassy picnic areas for members to enjoy the open air close to home. And to give children a safe place to play where they can ride bicycles, roller skate and play ball free from the fear of cars.

This year we have celebrated a Mayoral opening of the gardens in May and more recently the lease of the land was officially transferred from Southwark Council to the three trustees of the land. So after three years of hard work by many people the gardens are officially ours.

The gardens are for members only, membership is open to all at the cost of £3.50 per year for families. £2.00 per year for individuals. 25p per year for retired people and 25p for young people between 12 and 18 years. The key costs 50p and opens the gates at both entrances. We have one rule passed by the A.G.M. NO DOGS. Transistors are not allowed. Opening hours are dawn to dusk. We ask that all members respect the living things and refrain from picking the flowers or breaking branches from trees and that they take their litter home with them. If you would like to join contact your street representative or the secretary (see the back of this leaflet).

Part of a members responsibility is the upkeep of the land. We have a 'gardening Sunday' on the first Sunday in every month between March and November and ask every-one who can to come along for an hour or two to do the essential work to keep the gardens tidy. This is enjoyable work with others and keeps the members fit too! Please contact Cathy Winthrop (see the back of this leaflet) for more information.

We would be glad to hear from local organisations who might like to use the land for recreational or educational purposes. If you know of any please pass their names on to the secretary.

The Lettsom Gardens Association is a member of the Camberwell Gardeners Guild which means that any member of the Association is entitled to buy plants and garden necessities at the hut to be erected soon on the allotment site.