



Food Exeter

Working for sustainable and healthy food for all in Exeter

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Community Growing Initiatives, Exeter and District

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Introduction

Food Exeter is a multi-agency partnership working for sustainable, healthy food in Exeter. Supporting and increasing opportunities for people to connect with local food and nature through growing, cooking and sharing food are part of our core vision for a re-localised food system.

As an early stage in seeking a step change in the quality and quantity of community growing initiatives, Food Exeter has produced this list of projects that we are aware of, to help people make contact with a project near them, to assist projects to carry out any mutually beneficial work together, and to reduce the chances of wheels being reinvented.

Definition of ‘community growing’

For the purposes of this audit, Food Exeter takes ‘community growing’ to cover any group, organisation, project or initiative, temporary or permanent which seeks to achieve one or more of the following aims:

- Support members of the public, whether adults, children or both, to experience growing food, with others and in a way that supports the environment
- Build understanding and awareness of the natural environment and its links to food production
- Provide therapeutic, personal or group benefits, of whatever kind, from supporting people to grow food together
- Build a sense of place and/or community through growing food, or assisting in growing food in a locally accessible space

NB We do not currently include allotments within the range of projects listed, as on the whole, allotments are places where people grow food for themselves / their family, rather than as a collective activity.

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Name	Purpose(s)	Type	What goes on	Main users	Area of activity	Ambition	Contact
Biophilia Community Association	To engage with 'EX4' neighbourhoods to open door to ideas around healthy food	Social enterprise and membership organisation	Early days re community growing at present.	People living in or near Exeter's EX4 postcode areas	Pinhoe, edge of Exeter	Early days	http://biophilia.org.uk/?doing_wp_cron=1539964912.3622879981994628906250
Broadclyst Community Farm Ltd	Educational, health, wellbeing, social health and environmental objectives	Not for profit. Community Supported Agriculture Membership	Livestock, veg & fruit growing. Providing services for groups with particular needs Some members operate social enterprises from the site Surplus produce sold to Killerton National Trust	All ages from pre-school to Women's Institute.	Broadclyst, near Exeter	Expand facilities to provide more services to more groups	Jon Smye jonsmye@gmail.com http://www.farm.broadclyst.org/

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On the Hill	To use the land for educational, social and therapeutic purposes. Land-based learning.	Community Interest Company.	Paid for residential programmes for groups, eg school children. Volunteer days. Endeavour to share the land with as many people as possible. Grown food consumed by participants on programmes	People on planned group trips.		Building up funding that will support disadvantaged groups to use our services. More local people engaged Develop infrastructure Extend season	https://www.onthehill.camp/about-us
Shillingford Organics Farm School	Engaging children with food growing and natural environment	Community Interest Company. Fees paid for services.	Help children develop a sense of curiosity and provide them with the tools and the skills they need to establish a life-long relationship with our land, based both on	Children 4-8 years	Shillingford Abbott, near Exeter	Slow expansion, be financially sustainable	Fatma Sabet farmschooluk@gmail.com https://www.shillingfordorganic

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			<p>harmony and gratitude.</p> <p>Food grown eaten by kids and their parents</p>				<p>s.co.uk/shillingford-organics-farm-school</p>
<p>St Sidwell's Centre</p>	<p>Bringing community together, volunteering,.</p> <p>Earned income and grants</p>	<p>Charity; community centre</p>	<p>Café, community garden growing veg, herbs and flowers</p> <p>Produce used by centre's cafe</p>	<p>Very wide ranging</p>	<p>Exeter city centre</p>		