

INCREDIBLE EDIBLE TODMORDEN

NEWSLETTER

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Vegetables All Over Town

Welcome to the first issue of the IET newsletter. Our aim is simple— to grow more food in the town for local people to eat.

Sixty people came to our initial meeting and fruit and vegetables have been springing up all over. There are several new community gardens and public plantings, and six local schools are showing just what you can do even without much growing space—like planting in rowing boats and graveyards! Parents and others interested in helping grow food in school can contact soutacreagh@yahoo.co.uk

Fish Farm Bid

A Lottery bid is underway to fund an Aquaponics fish farm that will grow fish and vegetables together as well as create new jobs and training opportunities for people in the town.

The Aquaponics facility will be housed in a series of greenhouses where nutrient rich fish waste is channelled in water from the fish tanks to hydroponic grow beds fertilising water intensive plants such as water cress, courgettes, lettuce and strawberries. The water is then returned to the tanks clean and oxygenated.

Healing Garden for Health Centre

It is hoped to establish a therapeutic garden at the new health centre for use by

patients to produce vegetables for a community cafe and hanging baskets to sell for funds.

Local Businesses to Plant Orchard

The Bear and Bear Cafe are offering a loyalty card scheme to customers. Customers can collect points towards planting fruit trees in the town. More businesses coming on stream soon. Watch website.

Gardening for the over-fifties Suitable for all abilities, the group works on the Acorn centre garden, planting up hanging baskets and raised beds. Wednesdays 2pm-4pm. – £1 a session.

Includes Gardener's Question Time 2pm to 2:30pm. Come along with questions.

Family Playscheme

There is to be a family gardening playscheme in the summer, for more details contact Kay Page:

katherine.page@calderdale.gov.uk

Land Bank

Do you want or need spare land, tools or advice? IET can put people in touch to share land, resources and skills. We want to develop a land bank of growing space around the town. Pam@bearco-op.com

There is a free community tool library and there are also plans to build up a tool resource for use by schools.

Free Compost

Compost soon available from TEG Bacup road— look for shed at roadside

Leaf mould available at the Unitarian church, also small plants for hedging.

Tools Wanted

Gardening gear for tool library Rita
07828071797

People Wanted to help grow in schools. Contact Soutacreagh@yahoo.co.uk

Anything Else?

Barrels, water butts, large pots. Land to grow. Contact Mary 548 133

Tell us what YOU are doing
info@incredible-edible-todmorden.com

'I like growing vegetables because you can get wonky ones'

(Nadia age 6)



Diary Dates

18th June. The over-fifties gardening group are having a trip to Dove House Nursery and Gardens. Meet at Acorn Centre at 2pm.

19th June. Parents and Governors meeting to discuss growing in schools. Meet at the Bear at 7:30

20th June Toddlers can bring their parents and carers to plant a Forest Garden at Bridgeholme cricket pitch at Eastwood, 10 -12. We will be busy digging holes and looking for minibeasts as we plant a forest of edible delights on our site. Phone Lizzie for more information on 01706 818136.

21st June. There will be activities for children at the Agricultural Show. Come and plant a vegetable, care for it over the summer, bring it to harvest festival at the Unitarian Church.

22nd June. Public meeting at the Unitarian Church 2-4pm for anyone interested in IET. Chat, swap and drink tea.