

RHS CAMPAIGN FOR

 **SCHOOL**   
**GARDENING**

The RHS Campaign for School Gardening

# Growing skills for life

The RHS Campaign for School Gardening inspires and supports schools to provide children with gardening opportunities to enhance their skills and boost their development.

Our work with schools has shown that the direct benefits of gardening for children are wide ranging:

Improves physical and mental well-being

Builds life skills such as confidence, teamwork and communication

Enhances literacy, numeracy and oracy skills

Enriches the entire curriculum from science, maths and geography, to art, design and languages

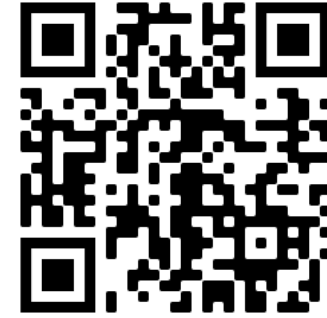
Encourages a better and healthier lifestyle

Teaches about the environment and sustainability

Helps young people engage with their surroundings better and develop a sense of responsibility



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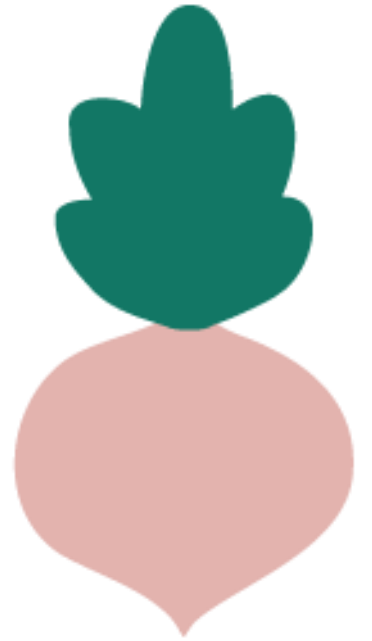


## Why register?

- Registration is free
- Receive a free welcome pack containing seeds, plant labels, stickers, posters and more
- Receive great rewards, certificates and support as you progress through the School Gardening Awards
- Gain access to free, downloadable resources including information sheets, practical activities and lesson plans to help you make the most of your school garden
- Discover our programme of school gardening training courses designed to give you the confidence to create learning experiences that impact children's achievement, health and well-being
- Take part in our competitions for a chance to win great gardening prizes
- Receive regular newsletters containing the latest news, offers and advice
- Read our School Stories and get inspiration from what other schools are doing their garden
- Log in and find news, training courses and information specific to your local area
- Join the Campaign to help young people benefit from outdoor learning and develop growing skills for life.

**Register Now : Scan the QR code above to take you to the website**

**good to  
grow**



Area

All gardens

Good to Grow Day

Volunteer

Search



The place to find and volunteer for community gardens.

Click on a pin on the map to show gardens in that area, or use the option above to find Good to Grow gardens near you.

### Key

-  [Gardens](#)
-  [Gardens looking for volunteers](#)
-  [Gardens in the Good To Grow Day \(22 - 25 April\)](#)
-  [Inactive Gardens](#)



# Good to Grow Day 2022

Sign-ups for our 2022 Good to Grow weekend of action, Friday 22nd - Monday 25th April, are now open!



Registration is open for our annual Good to Grow Day. This year it will run from the 22nd to the 25th of April.

Good to Grow Day celebrates the new growing season, and is a chance for volunteers and community members to help out in their local garden, while supporting and enjoying all of the valuable community spaces around the UK. It's also a great way to get the garden ready for the growing season.

If you're linked to a garden or growing space, you can register the space for free on the Good to Grow website. You'll get access to helpful resources for promoting your garden and for hosting activities, and will even be able to track your garden's activity through our useful Harvest-ometer!

You'll also be able to mark your garden as open to volunteers on Good to Grow's garden map. This makes it easy for volunteers in your local area to come and help out on Good to Grow Day and throughout the year.

<https://www.goodtogrowuk.org/news/feb22-good-to-grow-day-2022/>





## About us

Good to Grow (the new name for the Big Dig) is an online platform to support food growing in the UK, run by Sustain. The Good to Grow Network is all about getting people involved in their local community garden.

You can register your garden to the Good to Grow Network for free to promote your garden locally to volunteers and other organisations, use the online Harvest-ometer and all the other functions and take part in co-ordinated events such as Good to Grow Day.

We need your help to make the Good to Grow Network of gardens reach every city and local areas in the UK!

If you are running an edible garden or if you are passionate about food growing and would like to volunteer at a garden near you take action now scan the QR code above.



# Typical RHS Teaching Resources



## PROJECT

### Blooming Biodiversity

Survey an area of vegetation in your locality for biodiversity. Students can investigate ways of increasing biodiversity using methods such as seed bombs to increase plant life.

4  
hours  
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• Wildlife / Environment

23 All year round



## PROJECT

### Build a hydroponic system to grow crops

Follow this step by step guide to building a hydroponic system suitable for growing crops such as lettuce and herbs.

4  
hours  
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• Tools / building

• Edible plants

23 All year round



## PROJECT

### Building a bottle greenhouse

Bottle greenhouses are a great example of recycling in action. They enable you to involve the whole school in collecting the bottles and provide an opportunity for lots of maths and DT.

4  
hours  
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• Gardening clubs & crafts

• Edible plants

• Ornamental plants



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### PROJECT

## Create a plant adaptation landscape

Use the research and design required to make this garden part of pupils' wider scientific discussion on habitat and evolution

1.5  
hours



• Gardening clubs & crafts

• Wildlife / Environment

• Ornamental plants

 All year round



### PROJECT

## Creating raised beds

Raised beds provide many advantages, and are straightforward to construct. They can also improve access in your school garden, and are easy to manage.

2  
hours



• Getting started

• Veg

• Gardening clubs & crafts

• Edible plants

 All year round



### PROJECT

## Make a bug hotel

Use this project to make your school and garden more wildlife friendly. It's also great fun finding the materials and building it!

2  
hours



• Tools / building

• Wildlife / Environment

• Seasonal

 All year round

# Training Courses

Inspiring courses across the UK

## Face-to-face courses

Held nationally, our in-person courses cover a range of gardening topics helping you to build a productive school garden. View our upcoming dates and book your place now.

[Explore the courses](#)

## Online courses

Our newest e-learning course, The Edible Garden Online, supports you to create a thriving plot in your school garden.

[Learn more](#)



# School Gardening Awards

There are five awards to apply for and as you complete each one, you will receive a certificate and prize.

## Five easy steps...

Whether you are just starting out in your garden or looking to develop an existing area, the School Gardening Awards can help!

Our rewards scheme is made up of five levels that provide achievable goals which will help you turn your garden into a valuable learning resource.

Each level is easy to achieve by submitting a few words and photos via our website. Each successfully completed level is awarded with a certificate and brilliant reward worth up to £200!

## ...to earn great rewards!



The scheme is accessible to all ages and abilities, urban and rural areas, and is open to all schools, community groups and educational groups in the UK.

## Level 1



This level is about planning your gardening project and identifying the benefits to your school or group.

[Read more...](#)

### Prizes awarded

A colourful growing year calendar full of tips and activities to do in the garden

## Level 2



By Level 2 you should be beginning to grow plants and use tools safely, and understand basic gardening terms.

[Read more...](#)

### Prizes awarded

An RHS gardening book full of tips and guides plus a voucher for 30% off Bulldog Tools

## Level 3



Level 3 is about building on practical skills, growing a range of plants and understanding environmental issues.

[Read more...](#)

### Prizes awarded

National Garden Gift Vouchers

## Level 4



At Level 4 you should be using tools professionally, growing and harvesting produce throughout the year, and beginning to fundraise for the garden.

[Read more...](#)

### Prizes awarded

A Super Seed Bundle of Mr Fothergill's seeds worth over £100 for groups/schools

## Level 5



At the final level, you should be sharing the garden with your local community and passing on skills to others. You should also be using the garden to teach curriculum subjects.

[Read more...](#)

### Prizes awarded

£200 in National Garden Gift Vouchers, two 'RHS Five Star Gardening School' plaques to display in your garden and entrance hall, plus a certificate for schools/groups

Home Educators will receive the plaques, a certificate and an engraved trowel

# **West Oxfordshire Green Party**

## **Our Next Event**

# Key Questions about Housing Development Around Oxfordshire





# An on-line event on the evening of Wednesday 30th March

**Organised by the West Oxfordshire Green Party in collaboration with North Oxfordshire Green Party**

**On Zoom 8:00 pm**

New housing developments are such a contentious issue - especially on valued green spaces such as agricultural land.

Why not join us for our on-line event on Wednesday 30th?

We will be exploring some of the key questions that we keep hearing on the doorsteps from residents around Oxfordshire:

- What are the real “unmet needs of Oxford” now and what will they be in the future? Why are so many houses being built everywhere around the County?
- Why is “Affordable Housing ” not affordable for local young families? Not just to buy but also to run!
- Why are councils letting developers build housing before the necessary infrastructure and services are in place?