

# Hull Growers' Network

## Growers' Handbook

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## Introduction

This is a handbook for people in Hull or East Yorkshire with an interest in locally-grown fruit, vegetables and herbs. The information in it is updated every year and is available as a PDF download from websites including the [growersnetwork.org.uk](http://growersnetwork.org.uk) and [hullfoodpartnership.org.uk](http://hullfoodpartnership.org.uk)



This booklet is aimed at new or amateur growers, possibly families with children interested in growing their own food. There are guides on which vegetables to try growing as a beginner and when to sow. It gives advice on buying gardening tools and is also a directory of community gardening sites in Hull that can be contacted. While it is not intended to be an exhaustive instruction manual on how to grow veg, it can point you towards gardens, allotments and people in and near Hull that can provide examples of how to do things successfully. Many people prefer to learn by doing, so here you will find local sites demonstrating different techniques.

As a new gardener learning how to grow, the amount of information available can be overwhelming, especially on the Internet. Information found online may not always be applicable to our local climate and soil so the information in this booklet has been selected with the growing conditions of Hull and East Yorkshire in mind.

## Growing in Hull

Being next to the Humber Estuary means that Hull **soil** contains a large proportion of **clay** and therefore tends to drain poorly. This makes it susceptible to flooding and a haven for **slugs**, which thrive in damp conditions. However, clay soils are rich in available **nutrients**. Heavy soil can be made more workable by adding a layer of compost at the end of the growing season. Spread organic matter such as **compost** on the surface and let the worms take it down into the soil for the following season. Spreading organic matter can help retain moisture below while having a rough dry surface on top which can provide extra protection against slugs and snails.

Hull soil composition: **clay**

Hull climate plant hardiness zone: **9a**— see **Map** (Typical lowest winter temperature -4C to -7C)

Hull average last **frost** date: **21<sup>st</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> April**— see **Map** (Dates are later further inland and at higher altitude)

## Community sites and networks

Hull has a fantastic variety of growing sites from **orchards** to **allotments** to roof top gardens. There is a vast amount of growing experience in the city and this booklet shows you where to look locally to find out what you need to know. Many community growing sites may be looking for volunteers or may even run workshops where you can learn techniques. The **Hull Growers' Network** is an informal network of people and organisations involved in community growing across the city who have network meetings to coordinate community activities and plan events such as the annual seed swap. Visit their **website** to find out more. If you are involved with a project or know of one not listed in this booklet or the information is out of date, please get in touch.

If you are viewing this as a PDF document, you will see many green coloured words which are links to click on for further information within this booklet or online - tried and tested sources include the **Royal Horticultural Society**. If you have any information that you think would be worth adding in the next edition, please get in touch.

We hope the information you find in this handbook will be useful.

Happy Growing!

*John Pickles*  
(Editor)

## Vegetables in order of difficulty to grow

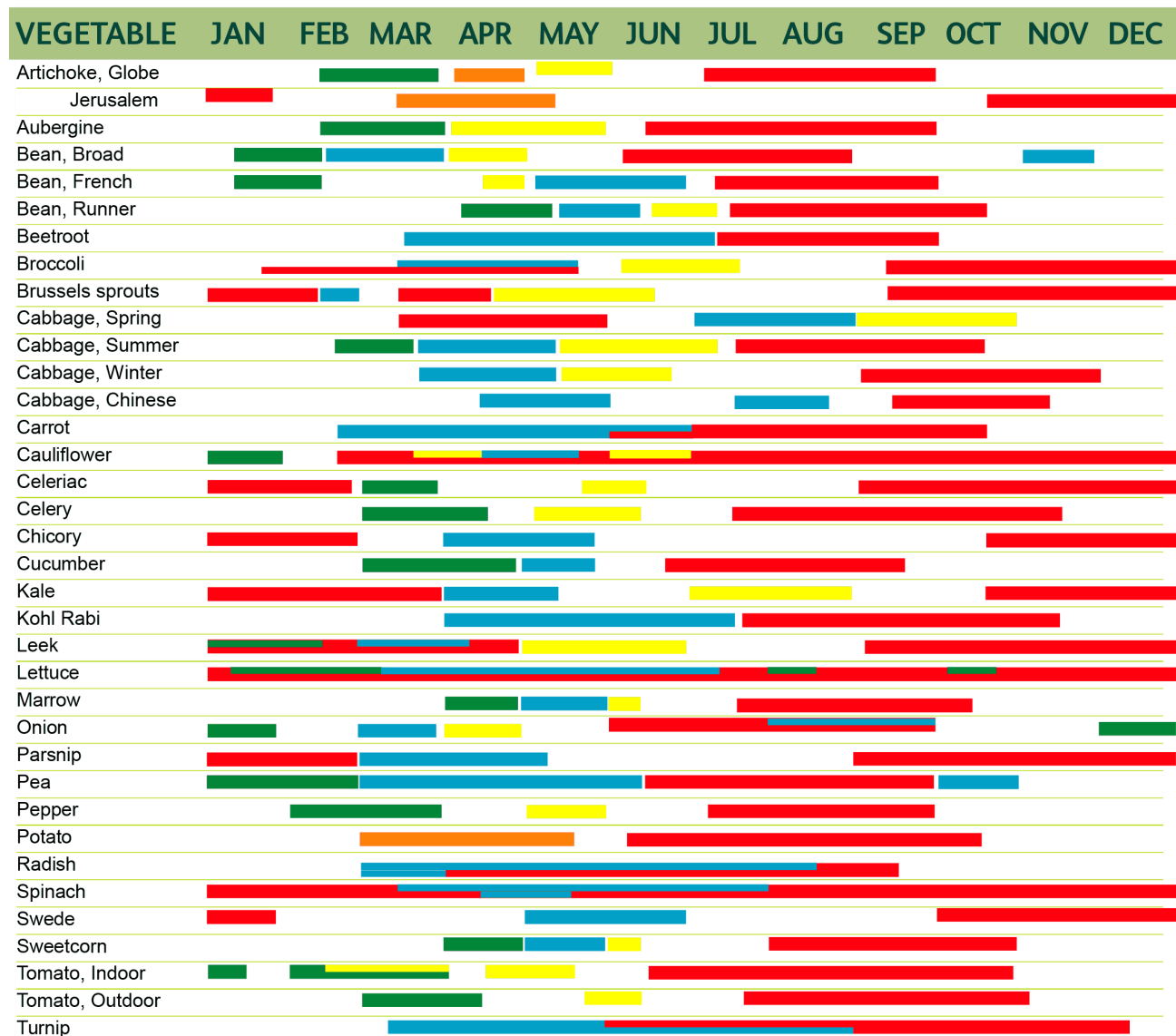
Take precautions against **slugs**. Netting can reduce damage by birds and insects. Do not plant **tender** crops outside until May at the earliest. Crops such as tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers grow better in a greenhouse.

Fruit / Veg / Herb	Notes
<b>Easy to grow</b>	
<b>Apples</b>	Pickering Road Orchard has 350 fruit trees + events including public harvest from August
<b>Beetroot</b>	Ideal for beginners to grow. Golden beetroot or stripey variety 'Chioggia' is worth a try.
<b>Blackcurrant</b>	Keep them protected from birds with netting during fruiting for a better harvest
<b>Chard</b>	Good disease and pest resistance, long growing season
<b>Courgette</b>	Sow in pots to plant out. Produces fast-growing fruit, check regularly once fruiting
<b>Lettuce</b>	Can bolt easily if roots get dry in hot weather
<b>Pears</b>	Dessert or cooker varieties available
<b>Peas</b>	Easy to grow but needs structural support
<b>Potatoes</b>	Once planted they do not need much work
<b>Pumpkin</b>	A fun vegetable to try growing with children
<b>Radishes</b>	Fast growing, can produce a crop in 4-5 weeks
<b>Raspberries</b>	Summer and autumn fruiting varieties available
<b>Runner Beans</b>	Susceptible to slug damage when growing tip is close to ground
<b>Salad mixes</b>	Good return for little work and lots of lovely salad. Do not let roots get dry in hot weather
<b>Strawberries</b>	Plants can last 4 years before you need to move
<b>Turnips</b>	Fast-growing
<b>Fairly easy to grow</b>	
<b>Broad beans</b>	Can be sown in November and grow through winter
<b>Brussels sprouts</b>	Slow growing
<b>Cabbage</b>	Vulnerable to cabbage white caterpillars in summer, a good winter veg
<b>Chilli pepper</b>	Requires high temperature to germinate
<b>French beans</b>	Plant out after last frost
<b>Herbs</b>	Some annuals, some biennials and some perennials.
<b>Kale</b>	More difficult in summer, due to pests and disease
<b>Leeks</b>	Sow them in containers or a separate area before moving them to their final position
<b>Plums</b>	Can produce a heavy crop, also damsons.
<b>Tomatoes</b>	Easier growing in a greenhouse. Get seeds started indoors in Jan/ early Feb
<b>Quite difficult to grow</b>	
<b>Aubergine</b>	Greenhouse required, slow growing
<b>Broccoli</b>	Purple sprouting broccoli is easier to grow
<b>Carrots</b>	Requires sandy soil, can be grown in bathtubs to deter carrot fly
<b>Celeriac</b>	An underrated vegetable – but tend to produce too much top
<b>Cucumbers</b>	Greenhouse usually required, depending on variety
<b>Onion</b>	Can be grown from seed or onion sets
<b>Parsnip</b>	Seed must not be kept more than one year, slow to germinate
<b>Peppers</b>	Greenhouse required
<b>Spinach</b>	Can't be cut and come again, will bolt so narrow window for cropping
<b>Swede</b>	Needs a long growing season
<b>Sweetcorn</b>	Requires minimum of 12 plants for wind pollination
<b>Difficult to grow</b>	
<b>Asparagus</b>	Perennial requires minimum 2 years to first crop. Surface roots make it difficult to weed
<b>Cauliflower</b>	Need perfect conditions at every stage, any set back reduces crop
<b>Celery</b>	Self-blanching varieties are easier, otherwise blanching takes time

Information to add? email [the editor](#)

# Veg Planner

Our Veg Planner will help you decide what to do and when in the veg garden.  
Why not print it out and keep it somewhere safe until you need it?



**KEY**

- = Sowing indoors, under cover
- = Sowing outdoors
- = Planting tubers, sets or offsets
- = Planting out seedlings
- = Harvesting

( Image credit: RHS [rhs.org.uk/advice/pdfs/vegplanner.pdf](https://rhs.org.uk/advice/pdfs/vegplanner.pdf) )

Following the suggested sowing dates on packets of seeds is recommended. Seeds sown later will often catch up with ones sown too early. Tender fruit and veg such as tomatoes will need protection against cold and will not survive frosts. Last average frost date in Hull is the last week of April.

## Top 10 tips for successful growing

Here is some advice on growing fruit and veg from a local commercial grower.

1. Disturb soil structure as little as possible.  
(Besides digging out roots: Docks, Brambles, Couch grass & Thistles)
2. Exclude light from weeds in hard to tackle areas using mulch: Cardboard, compost or membrane.
3. Watch out for the weeds flowering and address them before they set seed.
4. Grow in season to avoid natural **pest** cycles.
5. Sow seeds in succession for longer harvest periods.
6. Do not overwater young seedlings, let the roots get established first.
7. Plant out transplants at correct spacings to avoid gaps where weeds can grow.
8. Set up a compost system & recycle all organic matter to keep nutrients onsite.
9. Catch **slugs** late after dark using with a torch.
10. Enjoy the process of learning and making mistakes!

## Reducing gardening chores

**Digging** and **weeding** are two tasks often listed by gardeners as the two jobs they dislike the most. A growing method called '**No Dig**' is gaining popularity and advises against digging or rotovating because inverting the soil brings dormant weed seeds to the surface where they can germinate. There are a growing number of sites in Hull practising no-dig, see **community growing site index**. The no-dig method promotes disturbing the soil as little as possible to let soil microbiology develop and build networks into which plants roots tap into for nutrients.

## Natural methods and mimicking nature

Many people like to grow their own food eat fruit and vegetables without the synthetic chemicals. Growing methods sensitive to nature are becoming more popular. There are chemical-free and local certified **organic growers** some of which may welcome volunteers. People interested in intelligent methods of growing food that work with nature and mimic natural processes to improve soil fertility, reduce pests and disease should look into **Permaculture**. There are examples of permaculture design being practiced at **gardens** in Hull.

## Beneficial insects and creatures

One way of reducing pests is to encourage and offer shelter to **beneficial** creatures that eat common pests.

Insect / creature	Benefit
<b>Ladybird</b>	Predator of aphids
<b>Lacewing</b>	Larvae eat other insects, especially aphids.
<b>Common wasp</b>	Hunts caterpillars and other insects to feed to their young.
<b>Marmalade hoverfly</b>	Pollinator. Many eat aphids.
<b>Violet ground beetle</b>	Predator of ground and soil-dwelling pests.
<b>Bumblebee</b>	Pollinator of flowers
<b>Centipede</b>	Hunts soil prey in soil and on the surface.
<b>Parasitoid wasp</b>	Larvae eat hosts (pests) from the inside leaving paper husks.

## Recommended tools

You do not need many gardening tools to get started growing fruit and veg. If you do not have access to any tools and are looking purchasing some, second-hand forks, trowels, spades or rakes can be worth buying from car boot sales. Older tools are often more hard-wearing but be cautious of tools with old blades when buying used ones.

If you are looking to buy brand new tools, below is a list in approximate order of usefulness. You do not need many tools to get started and many tools can be homemade or substituted for. Generally, you get what you pay for, but this price range will give you a good guide.

As already mentioned, Hull soil tends to be heavy, so avoid buying tools with shafts or prongs that are weak or bendy as they may bend too much and soon snap. You may struggle with lightweight forks and spades in wet clay soils. Avoid plastic forks. Dry any blades after use and do not leave them out in the rain to go rusty.

<b>Essential</b>	<b>Prices from</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Hand trowel	£3 – £4	Weak versions may bend in the local heavy soil
Gloves	£2 - £10	Find a pair that fits tightly but have flexibility
Secateurs for pruning	£6 - £15	Worth paying £12+ if used regularly. Clean & dry them after use
Fork (full sized)	£7 - £25	Weak versions may bend in the local heavy soil
Spade	£8 - £30	Weak versions may bend in the local heavy soil
Trug	£5	Any container will do, handles help
Rake	£7 - £15	Often needed for raking a bed before sowing or planting
<b>Important</b>		
Plant labels	£1 - £2	Important for remembering what you've sown. Lolly stick label + pencil or plastic label with water resistant pen
String / twine	£2 / 100m	Worth getting bio-degradable such as jute. Plastic versions can degrade leaving unpleasant non-degradable fibres.
Plant pots /seeds trays	From £1 (10pack)	For seed pots use yoghurt pots, tubs, any container. Module-type seed trays can be easier to transplant from
Bamboo canes	£3 (10pack)	Price is for 6 ft long
Pocket knife	£10	Find them in camping shops
Watering can	£2 - £4	Only use the rose for watering seedlings
Bucket	£ 1 - £10	Always worth having
Hand fork	£4 - £6	Weak versions will bend and break in heavy soil
Hoe	£15 - £35	Many different styles available. An <b>oscillating hoe</b> is highly recommended and well worth the money, if you can afford one
<b>Useful</b>		
Gardening wire	£1.50/30m	Single strand wire
Wheelbarrow	£30 - £50	Consider puncture resistance tyres
Shears	£10 - £40	Dry them after use. Cheap ones are prone to bending
Dibber	£1- £3	Alternatively, use a stick or shaft of a broken tool
Pocket tool sharpener	£5	Useful for sharpening blades

Information to add? email [the editor](#)

## Recommended sources of information

Useful information about growing fruit, veg and herbs in the UK.

### Books and authors

- **Vegetable Growing Month-by-month: The Down-to-earth Guide** by John Harrison
- **Allotment Month by Month: How to Grow Your Own Fruit and Veg** by Alan Buckingham
- **Veg Patch: River Cottage Handbook No.4** by Mark Diacono and Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall
- **Build a Better Vegetable Garden: 30 DIY Projects to Improve your Harvest** by Joyce Russell and Ben Russell
- **New Vegetable Garden Techniques: Essential skills and projects for tastier, healthier crops** by Joyce Russell
- **No Dig Organic Home & Garden** by Charles Dowding & Stephanie Hafferty
- **Veg in One Bed: How to Grow an Abundance of Food in One Raised Bed, Month by Month** by Huw Richards
- **The Vegetable & Herb Expert: The world's best-selling book on vegetables & herbs** by Dr D G Hessayon
- **RHS Allotment Handbook & Planner** by The Royal Geographical Society Ltd and The RHS
- **The Organic Garden** by Sue Strickland

### Online, YouTube

- **Charles Dowding** - video series focussing on the No-Dig method
- **Claire's Allotment** - Friendly gardening and allotment advice from Claire
- **Garden Organic** - the UK's leading organic growing charity
- **GrowVeg.com**- an excellent series of videos for amateur veg growers based in the UK
- **Huw Richards**- growing food following organic and sustainable principles
- **Lovely Greens** - green living enthusiast on the Isle of Man
- **Simplify Gardening** - everything garden-related, beekeeping and poultry keeping included
- **Allotment Diary** - Allotment vegetable growing videos from the Yorkshire Dales

*Can you recommend books and videos, online channels? email **the editor***

## Community growing projects, sites & gardens

Sites are listed in order of postcode starting with HU1 in the city centre.

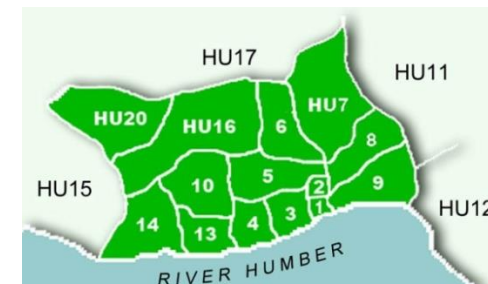
Key in descriptions. *(If information is missing, enquire with the site.)*

V = volunteers required

T = toilet on site

D = disabled access.

Hull and surrounding postcodes



Postcode	Site	Key	Location	Description
HU1 2AG	'The Veg Patch'	V	Outside the Wilson Centre, Hull City Centre	Previously a council-maintained flower bed. Since 2014 has been maintained by volunteers from Friends of the Earth, Food4Hull, Transition & Permaculture Hull - used to grow vegetables for public. Harvested by a soup kitchen 'Ladeled with Love' <a href="http://hullfoodpartnership.org.uk/the-veg-patch/">hullfoodpartnership.org.uk/the-veg-patch/</a>
HU2 APN	Prospect Centre Rooftop Garden		The Prospect Shopping Centre	Rooftop garden run by volunteers. Activities include, growing vegetables in raised beds and keeping bees. <a href="http://prospectshoppingcentre.co.uk/community/rooftop-allotment">prospectshoppingcentre.co.uk/community/rooftop-allotment</a>
HU2 8AW	Aldbrough Street Community Allotment	V	Aldbrough Street, central Hull	Small community growing project for local residents being run by EMS. Consists of raised beds and ground level beds - practising no-dig gardening, rainwater harvesting. <a href="http://www.emsyorkshire.co.uk">www.emsyorkshire.co.uk</a>
HU5 2HW	Down to Earth		'The Plot' Edgecumbe St. Newland Ave Allotments	Community group, wildlife and environmental conservation project. Hosting workshops and tree nursery <a href="https://facebook.com/d2ehull">facebook.com/d2ehull</a>
HU9 1UA	Thinker's Corner Garden	V	Citadel Way	Green space restored by volunteers with some seating, herb and plants growing around a statue. Linked to <a href="#">Rooted in Hull</a>
HU3 1YE	Hull Community Diggers	V-T-D	Behind Kingston Youth Centre, Beverley Road	Local residents have the option of buying a raised bed for food growing purposes. <a href="https://facebook.com/HullCommunityDiggers">facebook.com/HullCommunityDiggers</a>
HU3 2RA	Villa Community Gardens & Thornton Urban Gardeners		Behind the Octagon Centre, Thornton Estate	Created on an overflow parking area at the Octagon. It consists of individual allotments of various sizes plus community growing areas. Centre of the Thornton Estate linking the community allotments with housing in Firethorn Close. <a href="http://goodwintrust.org">goodwintrust.org</a>
HU3 2SJ	Giroscope Garden	V-T	Coltman Street, Hessle Road	Community garden established and run by Giroscope Housing on Coltman Street. <a href="http://www.giroscope.co.uk/gardening">www.giroscope.co.uk/gardening</a>
HU3 3DF	Constable Community Allotment	V-T-D	Constable Street, Hessle Road	Community garden established by Friends of Constable Street Field in 2015 and led by Lausanne Tranter. Growing fruit and vegetables with local residents. Developed using <a href="#">permaculture</a> principles. Site includes cob pizza oven, round house structure, composting toilet <a href="http://constableallotment.org.uk">constableallotment.org.uk</a>
HU3 3ED	Western Library Garden	T-D	The Boulevard	Friends of Western Library (Fowl) is working with Hull City Council's library services, Groundwork and Streetwize to help look after the garden, as well as organise events and gardening groups for all ages. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/friendsofthewesternlibrary">www.facebook.com/friendsofthewesternlibrary</a>



HU3 5EG	Therapeutic Garden	V-T-D	Edensand Road, Hawthorn Ave	3 plots at Edensand Road council allotment site. The garden was developed by <b>Youth in Nature</b> and in 2020 was taken on by EMS. is being turned into a garden for relaxation, therapy sessions and education and recreation. Access to community building. <a href="http://www.emsyorkshire.co.uk">www.emsyorkshire.co.uk</a>
HU4 7AQ	Pickering Road Community Orchard	V-T-D	Off Cranberry Way, Pickering Road	Opened in 2004. Harvest is usually mid-August to October with open days throughout. For a donation of £2, depending on the harvest. Regular celebrations at the Orchard include Wassailing in January and May Day. <a href="http://hullorchard.co.uk">hullorchard.co.uk</a>
HU5	GOSH Garden and Open Spaces	V	Group	Campaign for sustainable open-space management, led by the community for the community in partnership with the council, to enable food growing and encourage biodiversity. <b>Facebook</b>
HU5 2LJ	Bakersfield Allotment Project	T-D	Off Tavistock Street, Newland Avenue	On the right as you come through the main gates on Tavistock Street. Set up to provide activity for those referred by the NHS. The project is built on the links between Occupational Therapy, Education, Horticulture and Biodiversity and the importance of working together.
HU5 2LJ	Newland Avenue Allotments	T-D	Off Tavistock Street, Newland Avenue	245 allotment plots. They have their own website at <a href="http://newlandallotments.co.uk">newlandallotments.co.uk</a> See <b>Council allotments</b> page for how to apply for a plot.
HU5 2TD	Pearson Park Wildlife Garden		Princes Avenue, next to Pearson Park	Run by the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, the site has herb beds, vegetables and fruit, bees and paths through uncultivated wild areas. Provides children's educational activities, volunteer sessions and a venue for events. <a href="http://ywt.org.uk/pearson-park-wildlife-garden">ywt.org.uk/pearson-park-wildlife-garden</a>
HU5 3RN	Thoresby Edible Forest & Community Garden	V	Off Thoresby Street	Edible garden set up by 'At the Edge' community group growing fruit and vegetables using permaculture forest garden principals. <a href="https://facebook.com/ThoresbyCommunityEdibleGardenATtheEdge">facebook.com/ThoresbyCommunityEdibleGardenATtheEdge</a>
HU6 8AB	The Rainbow Garden		Off Levisham Close, Endike Lane	Established 1997 in a triangle of land surrounded by houses. It has won many awards. There are volunteer sessions and children's activities in the holidays. <a href="https://facebook.com/rainbowgardenhull">facebook.com/rainbowgardenhull</a>
HU6 7PE	No Dig community Allotment	V	Clough Road Allotments	A community project on plots within Clough Road Allotments practicing no-dig gardening. <a href="https://facebook.com/NDCAllotment">facebook.com/NDCAllotment</a>
HU7 4WD	The Bespoke Garden		The Bespoke Centre, Zeal's Garth, Hull	Community garden at the Bespoke centre growing fruit and veg with volunteers. <a href="https://facebook.com/BespokeResourceCentre">facebook.com/BespokeResourceCentre</a>
HU7 4TT	Men In Sheds, Sutton		Church Street, Sutton	Group of men growing vegetables in raised beds behind Sutton Reading Rooms Snooker Club on church Street in Sutton. Supported by EMS Ltd in setting up. <a href="http://www.emsyorkshire.co.uk">www.emsyorkshire.co.uk</a>
HU9 1AA	Rooted in Hull	V-T-D	St. Peter's Street, Hull	Innovative Urban Agriculture Project in the centre of Hull working in partnership with local businesses. Transforming a brownfield site into community space as a micro enterprise hub based around food, farming and environment. <a href="http://Rootedinhull.org.uk">Rootedinhull.org.uk</a>
HU9 3QB	EMS Ltd	V	Preston Road,	Environmental charity involved in setting up community allotments, as well as running an affordable food shop, cooking meals and other work. <a href="http://www.emsyorkshire.co.uk">www.emsyorkshire.co.uk</a>
HU9 4EE	East Hull Community Farm	V-T-D	Barham Road	Community farm selling meat, producing honey and home to a volunteer run vegetable growing patch and small orchard. See the website <a href="http://easthullcommunityfarm.co.uk">easthullcommunityfarm.co.uk</a> with help from the volunteer group <b>Community Garden Guerrillas</b>
HU10 6RJ	PATT Foundation 'Plant A Tree Today'		Registered in Anlaby	Campaigning for better environmental practices, implementing medium-scale tree planting projects as well as set up tree nurseries, providing environmental education. <a href="http://www.pattfoundation.org">www.pattfoundation.org</a>

HU17 ORW	Millennium Orchard	V-D	Beverley Parks, Shepherd Ln	100 apple tree orchard originally run by the WI at the millennium, hosted annual apple days. Now maintained by volunteers, help is required. Public access as park of Beverley Parks. <a href="#">webpage</a>
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## SEARCH church community gardens

Since 1999 SEARCH has supported churches and organisations across Hull as they seek to engage with their communities. This has included developing church gardens and some collaboration with [Rooted in Hull](#). They can be contacted via [facebook.com/SearchHull](https://www.facebook.com/SearchHull) D = disabled access; T = toilet facilities

HU8 9PD	St Margaret's Church	D-T	Shannon Road, Longhill	Raised beds built and used by the church and community. Disabled access and toilet.
HU9 4JY	St Hilda's Church	D	Annandale Road, Greatfield	Raised beds at the front entrance to the church. Again, used to grow small amounts of food. Disabled access.
HU9 2TA	St John's Church & Community Centre Garden	D-T	Rosmead St, Marfleet Lane	Features raised beds, brick-built BBQ and pizza oven. Looked after by members of this community focused church, engaging people in growing, cooking and sharing food. Disabled access and toilet.
HU3 2TD	St Matthew's Parish Hall,	D	Boulevard	One of the first created by <b>SEARCH</b> and local youth group (YFC), served as a focal point for various events and activities including bonfire night, birthdays, planting and harvest times. Site is at back of the parish hall. The raised beds were rebuilt in 2019. Disabled access.
HU3 3PB	Selby Street Mission	D-T	Selby Street	Features raised beds, brick-built BBQ and pizza oven. Looked after by members of this busy and community focused church, engaging people in growing, cooking and sharing food together. Raised beds were rebuilt early 2021 in partnership with <a href="#">Rooted in Hull</a> Disabled access and toilet.

## Local veg box suppliers

Depending on the time of year, these veg box suppliers may welcome help from volunteers. Contact them for more information.

HU11 5BN	Arthur's Organics	V	Rise, East Riding	Organic grower and supplier of veg boxes in the Hull area since 1999. <a href="http://arthursorganics.com">arthursorganics.com</a>
HU17 9FS	Frith Farm	V-T	Grange Road, Molescroft, Beverley	The farm provides fresh locally grown vegetables. Veg box scheme. Free range eggs. <a href="http://www.frithfarming.com">www.frithfarming.com</a>
Y025 8NJ	Green Growers	V-T	Nafferton, Driffield	Local grower of organic vegetables. Run by soil science expert Dr. Gwen Egginton, specialising in salads and supplying Arthur's Organics. <a href="http://greengrowers.wordpress.com">greengrowers.wordpress.com</a>

## Local seed suppliers

HU15 2HT	Sow Seed Ltd.		South Cave, East Riding	Small family business supplying vegetable and flowers seeds. Excellent range of chilli peppers and green manures <a href="http://sowseeds.co.uk">sowseeds.co.uk</a>
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## Hull City Council Allotments

	Site	Post Code	Plots
1	Albert Cottage (Kenilworth Ave)	HU3 5RT	97
2	Bilton Grove	HU9 5YB	44
3	Bude Road	HU7 4QY	74
4	Calvert Road	HU5 5DF	67
5	Clough Road	HU6 7PE	94
6	County Road	HU5 5NB	111
7	Edgecumbe Street	HU5 2EU	35
8	Edensand Road (Hawthorn Ave)	HU3 5EG	27
9	Field Street (Holderness Road)	HU9 1HN	4
10	Gipsyville (Hessle Road)	HU4 6QF	73
11	Lamorna Avenue	HU8 8HT	80
12	Marfleet Lane	HU9 5TF	66
13	National Avenue	HU5 4BT	97
14	Newland Avenue	HU5 2LJ	245
15	Noddle Hill Way	HU7 4NQ	65
16	Oak Road	HU6 7LY	68
17	Perth Street (West)	HU5 3TZ	98
18	Pickering Road (Cranberry Way)	HU4 7AQ	109
19	Portobello Street	HU9 5XY	44
20	Richmond Street (Avenues)	HU5 3JY	36
21	Sutton / Leads Road	HU7 4WA	81
22	Wansbeck Road, Longhill	HU8 9SZ	37

**Hull City Council** has over 1,800 allotments plot across 22 allotment sites around the city. Although some sites still have very long waiting lists, they often have sites with vacancies or short waiting lists. Please enquire on a site-by-site basis for waiting list details.

For those sites with waiting lists - customers can request to go on the waiting list, however timescales cannot be given for when plots may become available.

After submitting a request you will be added automatically and you will only receive contact from the allotment office when you have progressed to the top of the list and a plot has become available.

All sites are fenced and most have access to water.

### Charges

- A statutory plot of 250 square metres costs £67.25 per year payable in April of each year. Concessions are available at £52.50
- A refundable deposit of £20 is payable for a key to access the site.

### Who can apply and how?

Anyone can apply for an allotment. The person signing the tenancy agreement must be over 18 and reside within Hull.

Due to the increasing popularity of allotment gardening, all sites in Hull currently have waiting lists. To register your interest and have your name added to a waiting list, please complete the form below.

Please use the online forms to manage your Allotment, visit:

[www.hull.gov.uk/arts-and-leisure/leisure/allotments](http://www.hull.gov.uk/arts-and-leisure/leisure/allotments)

Email: [allotments@hullcc.gov.uk](mailto:allotments@hullcc.gov.uk)

<<Any allotment details to be added or updated here? If so, *email the editor*.

## 2021 Calendar of events

Some of these events may have been postponed or cancelled due to COVID restrictions. Please check with the respective organisers. We hope to add many more events for the 2022 edition. Please get in touch with us so we can list your event next year. Exact dates not required in advance, just give us the month.

Date	Event	Location	More info
1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in January	<u>Orchard Wassail</u> Ritual blessing of the 350 orchard trees along with dancing, noise and merriment.	Pickering Road Community Orchard, Cranberry Way, HU4 7AQ	<a href="http://hullorchard.co.uk">hullorchard.co.uk</a>
17 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 17 <sup>th</sup> March	<u>Hull Seed Amnesty</u> Accepting seed donations from gardeners within the sit	<b>Rooted in Hull</b> , St. Peter Street, HU9 1AA (Next to Royal Mail collection office)	<a href="http://hullfoodpartnership.org.uk">hullfoodpartnership.org.uk</a>
23 - 26 April 2021	<u>'Good To Grow' weekend</u> Previously known as <i>'The Big Dig'</i>	Nationwide campaign overseen by <b>Sustain</b> . Various sites in Hull. TBA	<a href="http://goodtogrowuk.org">goodtogrowuk.org</a> <a href="http://hullfoodpartnership.org.uk">hullfoodpartnership.org.uk</a>
Mon 4 May 2021	May Day at the Orchard	Pickering Road Community Orchard Cranberry Way, HU4 7AQ	<a href="http://hullorchard.co.uk">hullorchard.co.uk</a>
Sundays in Aug to Oct	Apple Harvest	Pickering Road Community Orchard Cranberry Way, HU4 7AQ	<a href="http://hullorchard.co.uk">hullorchard.co.uk</a>
August - September	Hull Harvest Festival + mini Festivals	See website	<a href="http://hullharvestfestival.org.uk">hullharvestfestival.org.uk</a>
November	Green Fair	Venue TBA. Friends of the Earth, Hull	<a href="http://hfoe.org.uk">hfoe.org.uk</a>

Want to suggest events for 2022? email [the editor](#)

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