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

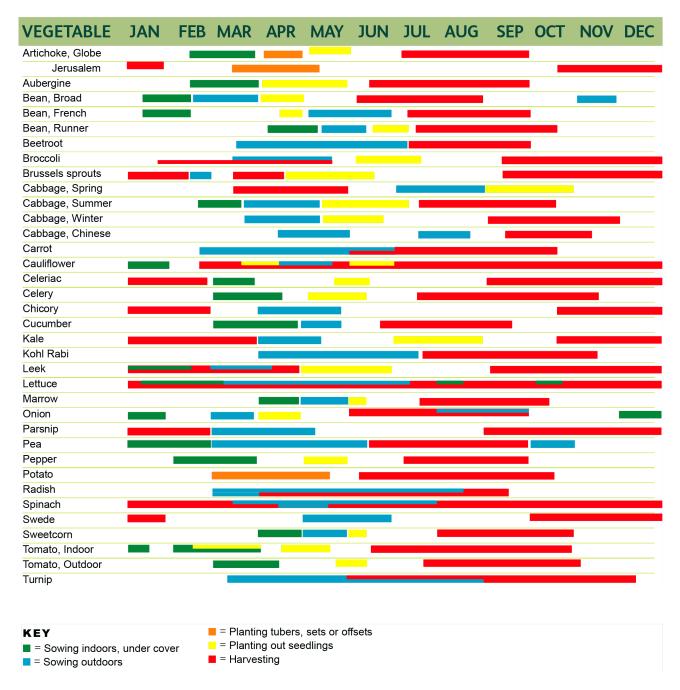
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## **RHS GROW YOUR OWN**



## 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?



(Image credit: RHS 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.

- 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 on site.
- 9. Catch **slugs** late after dark using 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 so they can eat fruit and vegetables without 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 practised 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
Ladybird	Predator of aphids
Lacewing	Larvae eat other insects, especially aphids.
Common wasp	Hunts caterpillars and other insects to feed to their young.
Marmalade hoverfly	Pollinator. Many eat aphids.
Violet ground beetle Predator of ground and soil-dwelling pests.	
Bumblebee	Pollinator of flowers
Centipede	Hunts soil prey in soil and on the surface.
Parasitoid wasp	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 to purchase 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.

Essential	Prices from	Notes	
Hand trowel	£3 – £4	Weak versions may bend in the local heavy soil	
Gloves	£2 - £10	Find a pair that fit 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	
Important			
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	
Ное	£15 - £35	Many different styles available. An <b>oscillating hoe</b> is highly recommended and well worth the money, if you can afford one	
Useful			
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.

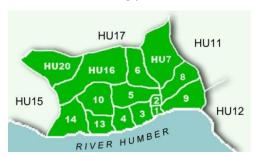
Key in descriptions. (If information is missing, enquire with the site.)

*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' hullfoodpartnership.org.uk/the-veg-patch/	
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.prospectshoppingcentre.co.uk/community/rooftop-allotment	
HU2 8AW	Aldbro Street Community Allotment	v	Aldbro 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. www.emsyorkshire.co.uk	
HU5 2HW	Down to Earth		'The Plot' Edgecumbe St. Newland Ave Allotments	Community group, wildlife and environmental conservation project. Hosting workshops and tree nursery facebook.com/d2ehull	
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 Rooted in Hull	
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.  facebook.com/HullCommunityDiggers	
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. <b>goodwintrust.org</b>	
HU3 2SJ	Giroscope Garden	V-T	Coltman Street, Hessle Road	Community garden established and run by Giroscope Housing on Coltman Street.  www.giroscope.co.uk/gardening	
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 <b>permaculture</b> principles. Site includes cob pizza oven, round house structure, composting toilet <b>constableallotment.org.uk</b>	
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. www.facebook.com/friendsofthewesternlibrary	

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.www.emsyorkshire.co.uk	
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. hullorchard.co.uk	
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. Facebook	
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 Aveneue Allotments	T-D	Off Tavistock Street, Newland Avenue	245 allotment plots. They have their own website at <b>newlandallotments.co.uk</b> 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="https://www.org.uk/pearson-park-wildlife-garden">www.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. facebook.com/ThoresbyCommunityEdibleGardenATtheEdge	
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. facebook.com/rainbowgardenhull	
HU6 7PE	No Dig community Allotment	V	Clough Road Allotments	A community project on plots within Clough Road Allotments practicing no-dig gardening. facebook.com/NDCAllotment	
HU7 4WD	The Bespoke Garden		The Bespoke Centre, Zeal's Garth, Hull	Community garden at the Bespoke centre growing fruit and veg with volunteers. facebook.com/BespokeResourceCentre	
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.www.emsyorkshire.co.uk	
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. Rootedinhull.org.uk	
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. www.emsyorkshire.co.uk	
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 easthullcommunityfarm.co.uk with help from the volunteer group Community Garden Guerrillas	
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. www.pattfoundation.org	

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. <b>webpage</b>
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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**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	urch 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	ID-I ROSMEAN ST MARTIEET 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	HU3 2TD St Matthew's Parish Hall, D Boulevard		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 <b>Rooted in Hull</b> 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.  arthursorganics.com	
HU17 9FS	Frith Farm	V-T	Grange Road, Molescroft, Beverley  The farm provides fresh locally grown vegetables. Veg box scheme. Free range eggs.  www.frithfarming.com		
Y025 8NJ	Green Growers	V-T	Nafferton, Driffield	Local grower of organic vegetables. Run by soil science expert Dr. Gwen Egginton, specialising salads and supplying Arthur's Organics. greengrowers.wordpress.com	

### **Local seed suppliers**

HU15 2HT Sow Seed Ltd. South Cave, East Riding	Small family business supplying vegetable and flower seeds. Excellent range of chilli peppers and green manures sowseeds.co.uk
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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

Email: 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	Orchard Wassail Ritual blessing of the 350 orchard trees along with dancing, noise and merriment.	Pickering Road Community Orchard, Cranberry Way, HU4 7AQ	hullorchard.co.uk
17 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Hull Seed Amnesty Accepting seed donations from gardeners within the city	Rooted in Hull, St. Peter Street, HU9 1AA (Next to Royal Mail collection office)	hullfoodpartnership.org.uk
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	goodtogrowuk.org hullfoodpartnership.org.uk
Mon 4 May 2021	May Day at the Orchard	Pickering Road Community Orchard Cranberry Way, HU4 7AQ	hullorchard.co.uk
Sundays in Aug to Oct	Apple Harvest	Pickering Road Community Orchard Cranberry Way, HU4 7AQ	hullorchard.co.uk
August - September	Hull Harvest Feastival + mini Feastivals	See website	hullharvestfeastival.org.uk
November	Green Fair	Venue TBA. Friends of the Earth, Hull	hfoe.org.uk

Want to suggest events for 2022? email the editor

#### **Credits**

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