



Hello and welcome to the January update from Hull Food Partnership!  
You are receiving this email because you have previously signed up to receive more information about the work of Hull Food Partnership.

A typical start to the year has brought wind, snow and plenty of rain. As we look over our winter landscapes, we might start dreaming of our garden aspirations for the year ahead.

You could be tempted to begin sowing at this time of year but the amount of energy available (heat and light) for seeds to thrive is fairly low and some seedlings may struggle to germinate and get going.

Why not do a seed stock take instead? Do you have lots of unopened packets that went unused last year? Are there any varieties that you tried that didn't quite work in your growing conditions? Half used packets that could last you for this season?

Try creating a simple plan to plot out your patch and see what space you have for what you'd like to grow. Even better, come along to our [Seed Celebration on Saturday 21st February](#) and get some inspiration from local experts who'd love to share their knowledge!

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# Hull Seed



## Celebration !

**Saturday 21st February 2026**

**10:30am-2:30pm**

**Jubilee Central, King Edward Street, Hull HU1 3SQ**



**FREE ENTRY  
All Welcome!**



**<https://tinyurl.com/seedcelebration26>**

### Hull Food Partnership News

**Hosted by Hull Food Partnership, the Hull Seed Celebration is back for 2026!**

Local food growers, allotments and community groups will be there to swap seeds and share their love for growing delicious food on a budget - especially important as food costs continue to rise.

Everyone is welcome to attend this [FREE event on Saturday 21st February 2026](https://tinyurl.com/seedcelebration26), from 10:30am-2:30pm at [Jubilee Central](https://www.hull.gov.uk/jubilee-central), 62 King Edward Street, Hull, HU1 3SQ

Although the Seed Celebration will take place on the first floor, don't worry as the venue is fully accessible to wheelchair users and families with buggies, plus accessible toilets are available too.

If visitors don't have any seeds to swap, we will have some available on the day that will either be free or can be purchased for a small sum / in exchange for a donation.

There'll be stalls from organisations including:

- [Hull Food Partnership](#)
- [Hull Fairtrade Partnership](#)
- [Groundwork Hull](#)
- [Hull Butterfly City](#)
- [Living with Water](#)
- [EMS](#)
- [Rewilding Youth](#)
- [Constable Street Community Allotment](#)
- [Hull and East Riding Friends of the Earth](#)
- [Rise Walled Garden](#)
- [Green Growers](#)
- [Frith Farm](#)
- [Bora Shabaa](#)

...and more! Showcasing why growing food is so important for communities in Hull (and how you can get involved).

Delicious food and drinks will be provided by [TimeBank Hull & East Riding](#).

Our talks schedule is as follows:

- 10:45 – 11.15am – Welcome to Hull Seed Celebration / Growing for Gold. (Anna Route: Hull Food Partnership)
- 11:30am – 12:00pm – Food justice, composting and polytunnels. (Penge Feza: Solidarity Hull CIC)
- 12:30 – 1:00pm – Working with BAME communities around horticulture and nutrition. (Severine Kipili: Bora Shabaa Refugee Association)
- 1:30 – 2:00pm – Hull's Right to Grow update. (Andrew Wilson: Hull City Council)

We purposefully hold this event during the half term holiday to attract families, so we expect plenty of children to attend, and will have giveaways for them too. Join us!

# Eat the System



**Hull Food Partnership** in association with **Creative Projects**

**'Eat The System' podcast:**

**From School Dinners to the School Curriculum: The Role of Food in the School System**

[This month's episode](#) is a sort of epilogue to last month's. After the metaphorical tape stopped rolling the conversation between Darren and Janie Bickersteth from Oxfarm to Fork continued - much of it on a topic dear to both their hearts, the role of food in the school school system - from school dinners to the school curriculum.

You can listen to the podcast via: [Spotify](#) / [Amazon](#) / [Apple](#) or [Deezer](#)

# 2026 WASSATI!

ALDERMAN KNEESHAW PARK  
SATURDAY  
31ST JANUARY

MEET IN THE CARPARK  
2PM PROMPT



**HOT CHOC! CAKE! ENTERTAINMENT!**

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## Local News

### **URGENT: Job Opportunity with immediate start at EMS Ltd**

**Role:** Cook for Freedom Food Ready Meals Project

**Location:** The Freedom Centre, Preston Road Village Centre, Hull HU9 3QB

**Short Term Contract:** to March 2026

**Hours of Work:** 3:30pm – 7:30pm, Monday to Thursday.

**Salary:** £13.50 per hour

**Cook Job Duties:**

- Employs food safety best practices to ensure agreed hygiene standards are maintained at all times
- Acts with appropriate caution in a dangerous environment where there are knives and high-temperature surfaces
- Works with EMS Ltd on a range of menus to ensure that meals cooked are nutritious and well balanced
- Determines qualities of ingredients needed to order and maintain appropriate stock levels at all times
- Develop a rolling programme of menus
- Undertake administration work in relation to the chilled foods

### **Skills and Qualifications:**

- Appropriate Food Hygiene Certificate
- Have knowledge of a commercial kitchen and at least one years' experience working in a similar environment
- Self-driven and highly motivated
- Good time management
- Have a positive and friendly nature
- Be organised and systematic in your approach
- Show great communication skills
- Be able to work quickly but effectively
- Be willing to work as part of a team
- Able to work to a flexible schedule

For an informal chat about this role please call [EMS Ltd](https://www.emsyorkshire.co.uk) on 01482 709810

If you are interested in the above post please send your CV to

[info@emsyorkshire.co.uk](mailto:info@emsyorkshire.co.uk)

### **The New Clarence wins CAMRA Pub Saving Award!**

CAMRA has named the [Hull Community Pub Society](https://www.hullcommunitypubsociety.org/), who saved the New Clarence in Hull, as [winners of its Pub Saving Awards 2025](https://www.camra.org.uk/news/winners-of-its-pub-saving-awards-2025) - the first city pub to do so.

The Pub Saving Awards celebrate communities who have rallied together to fight for their local, saving the pub from a grim fate of conversion or even demolition. The awards put these campaigns in the spotlight, inspiring others to investigate community ownership for their local.

[The New Clarence](https://www.newclarence.org/) is Hull's first community-owned pub and is the first city centre pub to win CAMRA's Pub Saving Awards. The high land value of high streets and city centres makes pubs an enticing target for developers, and as a result, much harder for campaigners to save than their rural counterparts. The judges were incredibly impressed with the group's achievement of saving the New Clarence.

Simon Berry, Hull Community Pub Society Chair, said:

“We are absolutely delighted (and still a bit surprised!) to have won CAMRA’s Pub Saving Awards. The journey to get here has been a very interesting one - occasionally chaotic, often exhausting, but always worth it - and our vision finally became a reality in September when we threw the doors open to everyone.

“What’s been truly staggering is just how many people bought shares and got behind the whole concept. The support has been incredible. Without the Community Ownership Fund, our share buyers, generous donations and loyal shareholders, this simply would not have been possible.

“Now here we are serving great beer, good wines and proper food, in a pub that’s alive again. And none of it would work without the amazing team running the place day in, day out. They really are something special.

“Thank you to everyone who believed in it, backed it, and keeps coming through the door. Turns out saving a pub can be a team effort.”

### **Join the Groundwork Hull Meat Buying Club**

Groundwork is a local charity that supports residents across the region. They have seen how the cost-of-living crisis is impacting on local people. One of the initiatives they are developing to support struggling households is a [Meat Buying Club](#). Membership is open to anyone who wants access to affordable, quality food. Including:

- Low-income households
- Families, individuals, and households looking to save money

They are excited to be working with [Nick Robins Butchers](#), an established local butcher based on Hessle Road. This traditional butcher’s shop sells high-quality local meat, butchered on site.

The initial pilot phase will focus on smaller households that are unable to benefit from supermarket bulk purchase offers and discounts. During the pilot phase, households can sign up for an initial two-week trial, and if you’re happy, you can sign up to become a fully pledged member.

How It Works:

- Meat packs will be provided weekly on a Thursday
- Payment is required by 2:00 pm on a Monday for a Thursday collection that same week.

As well as benefiting from high quality affordable meat, club members will also receive free of charge:

- A weekly meal planner
- A shopping list with ingredients and step-by-step instructions for preparing meals with their ingredients throughout the week
- Cooking on a Budget recipe booklet with easy, affordable recipes

- A food budgeting sheet
- Money-saving tips for reducing food costs
- Resources that will help you make the most of your meat pack, reduce waste, and eat well for less.

Meat pack details and price information as well as details on how to sign up can be found can be found here:

<https://springheadparkgolf.com/groundwork-meat-buying-club>

If your organisation is interested in getting involved or becoming a hub, please contact Programme Manager, Karen Tozer, for an initial discussion via 07963 028560 or [Karen.Tozer@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:Karen.Tozer@groundwork.org.uk)



## COMMUNITY MEAT BUYING CLUB

Affordable weekly meat packs for small households, plus recipes, meal plans, and money-saving tips, helping you eat well and spend less.

### Pack One

2 Chicken Fillets individually wrapped  
500g Minced Pork (2x250g)  
6 Thin Sausages  
250g Best Back Bacon  
**£10.50**

### Pack Two

2 Chicken Fillets individually wrapped  
500g Best Minced Beef (2x250g)  
6 Thin Sausages  
250g Best Back Bacon  
**£13.50**

Meat provided by a local quality butcher

## GROUNDWORK

Contact us for more information

- 📞 01482 363780
- ✉️ [hull@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:hull@groundwork.org.uk)
- 📍 Groundwork Hull
- 📍 Springhead Park Coffee Shop



### National News

#### New film calls for urgent improvement in school food standards

School meals have the potential to ensure young people have access to a nutritious, hot meal that will help to keep them healthy. A powerful film featuring young food campaigners and actor Emma Thompson is calling for urgent action to improve school food in 2026.

‘The Lunch They Deserve’ seeks to focus the nation on the need for better standards given 4.5 million children in the UK are growing up in poverty and for

many of them a healthy diet is unaffordable. It includes the voices of four young people from across the UK with lived experience of food insecurity.

- [Watch the film here](#)
- [Read why school food standards matter here](#)
- [Join the campaign to improve standards here](#)

## **Resetting local crisis support in England - Recommendations for the new Crisis and Resilience Fund**

The Department for Work and Pensions have released [guidance for councils on the implementation of the new Crisis and Resilience Fund \(CRF\)](#) from April 2026.

The CRF will enable local authorities in England to support people facing immediate financial hardship and help households strengthen their financial resilience. While the CRF cannot solve the persistent hardship in our communities, which stems from problems in the design and delivery of the social security system, it represents a major opportunity to reset how local crisis support is provided in England.

[Trussell have commented on the new guidance here](#) and [Policy in Practice have written a blog about it](#).

[This joint report by Trussell and Policy in Practice](#) presents their recommendations for the new Crisis and Resilience Fund to ensure it delivers effective support to people faced with a financial crisis and plays a role in ending the need for food banks.

When planning the delivery of the CRF, the report calls on the UK government and local authorities to prioritise:

- A cash-first, needs-led approach to crisis support.
- Tackling the drivers of financial crisis, not the symptom of food insecurity.
- Preventative support and building financial resilience for people most at risk of financial crisis.
- A systematic approach to monitoring and evaluating outcomes.

The commitment to multi-year funding for the CRF is extremely welcome. It is the kind of investment that can provide a lifeline to people when they are struggling to cope with the cost of living and reduce the need for emergency food to fill the gap in a crisis, as well as helping people onto a more secure financial footing for the future.



**Simply Veg – win a Big Beans Boost games bundle, closes 31st January**

[Simply Veg](https://simplyveg.vegpower.org.uk) are trying to encourage families to explore the power of beans in supporting childhood nutrition with the protein powerhouses that are beans! To support this, they are giving away a family games bundle to help bring households together.

Enter here by 31st January to be in with a chance of winning:

<https://simplyveg.vegpower.org.uk/beans-competition>

# healthy holidays hull

## have your say?



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### Consultations / Campaigns

#### Healthy Holidays Hull questionnaire

Healthy Holidays Hull offers free food and fun activities during February half term, Easter, Summer and Winter school holidays to provide opportunities for children and young people across the city. Funding is secured until 2029, and they are reviewing the programme to make it even better.

Please take a few minutes to [complete this questionnaire and share your views](#) on the Healthy Holidays programme and how it can be improved.

#### Right To Food UK Commission - Call For Evidence

The Right to Food UK Commission have opened a call for evidence exploring the question '[How do we reduce hunger and move towards fulfilling the Right to Food for all in the UK?](#)'

This is an opportunity to contribute your experiences and ideas, to help reduce the numbers of people who go to bed hungry in the UK.

They want to hear from as many Individuals, community leaders, community groups, non-government organisations, academics and food service providers, health and social workers and activists for the right to food. All are welcome to raise their voices and share your experiences.

Your inputs will contribute to the Commission Report and Right to Food Legislation Roadmap which will use evidence submitted to develop an Action Plan for the UK to make the right to food a reality by 2030.

## **Bite Back looking for their next young activists – deadline to apply, 9th February**

Bite Back are looking for passionate people aged 14-16 to join their movement, fight for their rights, and create positive change.

At Bite Back, they share ideas and experiences, making sure the voices of young people are respected and heard. From writing workshops and craft sessions, to media and public speaking training, they offer ways for everyone to get involved.

As a Bite Back activist, you'll meet and make friends with other awesome young people, having fun while developing your skills as part of a national movement. Plus, it's FREE — they cover all expenses!

So, are you ready to be part of a generation of change-makers, rising up to take social action? [Find out more and apply now!](#)

# 2026 WASSATI!

**GARROWBY ORCHARD**

**SUNDAY**

**1ST FEBRUARY**

**2PM**

**PROMPT**



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**Competitions/Offers/Resources**

**FREE entry for Hull & East Riding businesses in 'Enjoy Local Food & Drink Guide 2026/27' – deadline to submit entries by 5th February**

[This helpful guide](#) will build on the success of previous campaigns to raise the profile of local food & drink and help drive additional sales for East Yorkshire Local Food Network members.

Featuring East Yorkshire Local Food Network members, food festivals & events and information to help visitors enjoy food & drink experiences and explore the area.

Due to external funding, they are once again able to offer a limited number of FREE ENHANCED ENTRIES. Entries will be processed on a first come, first served basis, so please submit your entry form as soon as possible.

Entries received once the space allocated for enhanced entries has been taken, or after the booking deadline, will appear as free basic entries.

Click here for more information and to apply:

[https://visithulleastyorkshire.formstack.com/forms/enjoy\\_local\\_food\\_entry\\_form](https://visithulleastyorkshire.formstack.com/forms/enjoy_local_food_entry_form)

## **Investors in Community Platform offers support for organisations in Hull**

Investors in Community is a platform bringing together good causes (charities, community groups, CICs, schools, not-for-profits), businesses, and individuals.

Through a free account on the platform, good causes can post projects asking for the support that they need. Whether it is donations, volunteers, pro bono support, or gifts in kind that you need, all of these asks are supported through the platform. Businesses and individuals can then browse these projects and choose how they would like to support their community.

Whenever someone gives through the platform, they earn Community Credits as a measure of the good that they have done. They aim to make the relationships between good causes and businesses clearer and stronger, by making sure you both know what outcome is expected from the donations you receive, or the time volunteered.

They're open to any size of organisation, and hope to build better opportunities for all good causes in an area to receive the support they need.

For more info visit <https://investorsincommunity.org/> or email [emily.blake@investorsincommunity.org](mailto:emily.blake@investorsincommunity.org)

## **Together TV Sunflower Challenge – FREE Seeds**

The Together TV Sunflower Challenge is back for 2026!

By [registering now](#), you're putting your name down ahead of the official March launch.

Important to know: this is a pre-registration. Places for physical kits are limited, and they'll be in touch in the coming weeks to confirm your place. If kits run out, you can still take part fully using the online version of the challenge – with the same guidance, community spirit and shared moments.

# Struggling with the cost of living crisis? Your mental and emotional wellbeing is important.



## Funding

### Grow Wild Community Programme – Deadline 4th February

The Grow Wild Community Programme supports groups to transform urban spaces for the benefit of people and wildlife. They are seeking 23 groups from across the UK to join the programme in 2026.

Is your community group ready to...

- Connect local people with nature?
- Transform an urban space with planting?
- Learn more about UK native plants and fungi?

Apply to the Grow Wild Community Programme and bring your ideas to life. If successful, you'll you'll get

- £2000 grant to transform an urban space with UK native plants or fungi, support wildlife and involve your local community.
- Online knowledge sharing sessions, to connect with other groups and get support from experts (including special guests from Kew). Note: They are looking for groups keen to engage with these sessions.
- £500 Follow-on Grant for spring 2027 to support ongoing activities (subject to optional application once your project is underway).

They encourage groups of all experience levels and love receiving applications from first time growers. Find out more and apply here:

[https://growwild.kew.org/community\\_programme](https://growwild.kew.org/community_programme)

## **Naturesave Trust: Marine Conservation Funding Deadline 26th February**

[Naturesave Trust](#) are looking for grant applications from charities, community groups, and organisations who are working to connect communities to nature through:

- Marine habitat restoration
- Seagrass, saltmarsh, and kelp projects
- Species protection and recovery
- Marine litter and plastic pollution prevention
- Sustainable coastal and marine management
- Marine conservation volunteering
- Education and ocean literacy
- Influencing local and national marine policy
- Citizen science and monitoring
- Community-led coastal and marine surveys
- Or perhaps you have a marine conservation initiative that they haven't even considered!

If you have a completely new approach to encouraging nature connection, they'd like to hear from you.

For more info, and how to apply, click here: [www.naturesave.co.uk](http://www.naturesave.co.uk)

## **New Fund to Support UK's Food Systems Opens for Applications**

The National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) is inviting applications to its new Climate Action Fund – Food Systems programme.

Partnerships consisting of not-for-profit organisations can apply for grants of between £2.5 million and £7 million for projects running between five and seven years. Up to 10 projects are likely to be funded in the first year of the programme.

The funding is intended to support ambitious, long-term projects that strengthen food systems, tackle the root causes of food insecurity and work with nature to create lasting change.

Projects must work towards systems change in the way that:

- Community organisations grow and produce food – using agroecological methods
- Food gets distributed – aiming for equitable access to healthy, affordable food for all
- Offers people and communities different food options – especially those experiencing poverty, disadvantage or discrimination.

The funding is for work that leads to transformational change (the kind that lasts, not just short-term support) and ways to do this include:

- Addressing the root cause of long-term problems, not just the symptoms
- Helping prevent problems before they happen
- Changing rules, habits or ways of working
- Giving communities more control over decisions and resources
- Helping people and organisations work together differently
- Challenging what is seen as important or possible
- Developing a project that is scalable or could work elsewhere

Applications will be considered from partnerships and organisations that already have the skills, relationships and infrastructure to work at scale to lead transition to food systems that are fairer, more resilient and better for people, climate and nature.

The funding can be used for a range of costs, including staff costs, organisational development, transport, utilities and running costs, equipment, volunteer expenses and some capital costs.

Find out more: <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk>

### **Sea Changers Innovation Fund – Deadline 30th April**

[Sea-Changers](#) is the UK charity dedicated to raising money for UK-based marine conservation. Its vision is to create a world where the seas and shores are clean and healthy and marine species are protected.

This fund aims to support innovative marine conservation approaches and solutions with grants of up to £10,000. This includes any innovation that may:

- Address the root causes of marine conservation threats and challenges in the UK.
- Prevent or reduce negative impacts on UK coastal and marine environments and/or species.
- Add to the body of knowledge about marine conservation threats and challenges in the UK and ways to overcome them.

Eligible projects include:

- Research - for example innovative citizen-science projects, and new ways to measure and monitor marine environmental issues.
- Direct action - for example innovative approaches to coastal clean up, and new solutions to reduce pollution.
- Species protection - for example projects that support, replenish or protect threatened marine species in new ways.
- Education/community engagement - for example projects that educate and involve people, businesses and/or communities in marine conservation in ways that are previously untested.

Projects can be in the very early stages (e.g. developing a prototype or model), be a developed idea that needs piloting in order to gather evidence of its efficacy

or be an idea that, while tested in other parts of the world, is a new solution for the UK marine environment and needs to be tested here.

Find out more and apply here:

[www.sea-changers.org.uk/innovation-fund](http://www.sea-changers.org.uk/innovation-fund)



**FREE EVENT!**



## Constable Orchard Winter Wassailing

**In partnership with Pickering Road Community Orchard**

Join us as we bless the orchard to ensure a good harvest, and to promote health and good luck for the coming year!

**We will then enjoy hot pizza baked in our outdoor oven  
(Subject to a first come, first served basis)**

**Sunday 15th February 2pm**  
(Prompt start)

Constable Street, Hull, HU3 3DF

**We're behind Boyes Hesse Road on bus route #1 or #57**

lausannet@yahoo.co.uk

**07816 141169**

 **Friends of Constable  
Street Field**

[www.constableallotment.org.uk](http://www.constableallotment.org.uk)

### Dates for your Diary / Events

- Friends of Alderman Kneeshaw WASSAIL! [31st January](#)
- Friends of Garrowby Orchard WASSAIL! [1st February](#)
- Imbolc [1st-2nd February](#)
- World Wetlands Day [2nd February](#)

- Hull Seed Celebration, Jubilee Central, [21st February](#).
- Good Things Market, Queen Street [1st March](#)
- World Wildlife Day [3rd March](#)
- Food Waste Action Week [9th-13th March](#)
- Great British Spring Clean [13th-29th March](#)
- FREE Community Meals every Thursday at 6:30pm ([Marfleet Community Centre](#))



## LEVEL 2 AWARD IN NATURE CONNECTION AND WELLBEING (ADULTS)

### A GCSE-Equivalent Qualification Through Outdoor Learning

The Open Awards Level 2 in Nature Connection & Wellbeing (RQF) is the first qualification of its kind in the UK, offering a GCSE-equivalent route through practical, nature-based, portfolio learning.

This course is ideal if you are already working with or want to work with children and young people outdoors. You may be a teacher, a youth worker, a child-care worker or a teaching assistant who wants to learn the benefits of nature connection and explore ways that you can take your work with children and young people outside.

You don't have to be working with children and young people to do this course - it's ideal for parents, students...anyone who wants to learn more about the power of being in nature.



**Contact:**  
[Hello@rewildingyouth.co.uk](mailto:Hello@rewildingyouth.co.uk)  
 or scan the QR code  
 for more information



Training/Webinars

FREE Oh Yes! Net Zero Carbon Clinic Workshops

Delivered by Oh Yes! member, BACB Renewables, this three hour workshop is designed to help small businesses get started on the path to net zero. The workshop will guide you step-by-step to measure your organisation's carbon footprint and create an action plan to reduce it.

Upcoming Workshops: (Free to join) register via Eventbrite below:

- [30th January](#), Andrew Jackson Solicitors LLP
- [17th February](#), Hull City Council

### **FREE webinar: The risks of digitalisation: Implications for access to food in England, [12th February 6-8pm](#).**

Hosted by SOAS Food Studies Centre and The Food Foundation this webinar will share for the first time the findings of SOAS research into the effect of digitalising food assistance in the UK, and will include presentations from the researchers, The Food Foundation, and The Good Things Foundation, as well as time for discussion and networking. The findings also explore the impact of digitalising schemes like Healthy Start, as well as welfare (e.g. universal credit) on food banks and pantries, the shift in responsibility to local actors and the particular impact on marginalised communities.

### **FREE Sustain Annual Conference, [12 February 2026](#)**

Food is firmly back on the political agenda. The UK Government is progressing a cross-departmental Food Strategy, recognising the link between food and health in its NHS plans, and expanding access to free school meals in England. Farming too is continuing to hit headlines, with updated farming payments now being rolled out in England, Wales and Scotland to promote sustainability. This has created real momentum and a genuine opportunity which our movement must use to secure lasting change. The need could not be greater: climate instability is disrupting global supply chains, food prices remain volatile, and growing numbers of farmers are leaving the sector, threatening the UK's long-term ability to produce food.

Join Sustain's Annual Conference 2026 to explore the opportunities we have to build a fair, sustainable and resilient food and farming system for current and future generations.

### **Invitation to PAID online workshops on UK horticulture risks & resilience**

Sustainable Food Place's former Impact and Evaluation Lead, Callum Etches and Shropshire Good Food's Daphne Du Cros, are inviting growers, market gardeners, and others working across horticulture to take part in a pair of paid, online participatory workshops exploring the pressures, risks, and challenges shaping the UK horticulture system.

The sessions are part of a University of Sussex-led research project that is linked to current policy work within DEFRA on food system resilience and the future of UK horticulture. A key aim is to ensure that the realities faced by growers are visible in these conversations.

What's involved?

- Two online workshops, each lasting 4 hours, on:
  - 9am – 1pm Friday 6th March
  - 9am – 1pm Friday 20th March
- Small, facilitated group discussions

The focus is on practical sense-making. Participants will explore how different pressures interact, where risks build up, and what often gets missed in higher-level discussions.

Why take part?

- Your experience feeds into analysis intended to inform DEFRA and wider policy discussions
- A chance to step back from day-to-day pressures and reflect on the bigger picture with others in the sector
- Help shape how challenges, risks, and opportunities are framed, rather than responding to them later

Participants will receive £100 per person, per workshop.

If you'd like to take part, email [C.Etches@sussex.ac.uk](mailto:C.Etches@sussex.ac.uk) to register your interest. They'll follow up to discuss availability and next steps.

### **Rewilding Youth offering NEW GSCE equivalent Level 2 Nature Connection and Wellbeing qualification**

The Level 2 Award in Nature Connection and Wellbeing qualification is the first of its kind in the UK, offering a unique opportunity to gain a formal award while developing personal wellbeing, practical skills, and pro-environmental behaviours. The course costs £595 which is required to be paid in full upon enrolling on the course.

**Start date:** March 16th for 16 weeks. The course is available to [book online via the website](#) now.

There will be an online Q&A session on Feb 16th to learn all about the course. To sign up or for more information email [hello@rewildingyouth.co.uk](mailto:hello@rewildingyouth.co.uk) / 07542 696386

#### **Units:**

- Unit 1: Understanding Nature Connection
- Unit 2: Measuring Nature Connection
- Unit 3: Urban Nature and Community Wellbeing
- Unit 4: Pro-nature Conservation Behaviours and Green Jobs

Delivered via a bespoke online learning platform which you can access at any time.

- 1 x Online Induction session
- 8 x Live online sessions (2 per Unit)
- 4 x Online Tutorials (1:1)

- 4 x Activity days at Rewilding Youth's Space
- Access to online resources - Journals/Vlogs
- A complete range of activities to build your portfolio

All assignments are portfolio-based - there are no exams. Instead, learners complete a range of creative, reflective, and practical tasks that build up over the 16 weeks.

### **Hull CVS in person training**

Hull CVS offers a variety of low cost training courses for the Voluntary and Community Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector. Upcoming courses include;

- Tuesday 03 February - Understanding of Legal Structures & Governance
- Tuesday 03 February - Advanced Bid Writing
- Wednesday 11 February - Event Planning
- Thursday 12 February - Writing a Volunteer role description
- Thursday 12 February - Hull 4 Funding Training
- Tuesday 17 February - Fire Safety Principles Level 2 (Accredited)
- Monday 02 March - Bystander First Aid Training
- Tuesday 03 March - Health and Safety Level 2 (Accredited)
- Wednesday 04 March - Smoke Free Hull
- Tuesday 10 March - Introduction to Risk Assessments
- Wednesday 11 March - Introduction to Martyn's Law
- Thursday 12 March - Introduction to Safeguarding (Children & Adults)
- Thursday 12 March - General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)
- Wednesday 18 March - Award in Food Safety for Catering Level 2 (Accredited)
- Tuesday 24 March - Recruiting and Retaining Volunteers

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SAT 21st FEB 2026

10:30AM - 2:30PM

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