



Community garden proposal

Aims

- a) To improve local biodiversity
- b) To improve community understanding & engagement with wildlife & nature
- c) To produce high quality organic food, making surplus food available to the community

Proposed approach

- Create a community garden with **minimal environmental impact**
- Use **sustainable products** with low embodied carbon and with **recycled materials** wherever possible
- Garden designed, built and operated by the community, using permaculture principles to **maximise biodiversity, soil health and food production**
- Site designed to **promote the enjoyment and understanding of the site's biodiversity**, whilst maintaining security and integrity of food growing areas and standing crops

What is permaculture?



An agricultural eco-system that is **sustainable** and **self-sufficient**

The three key principles of permaculture are:

- 1) *Improvement of biodiversity and **preservation** of the environment*
- 2) *Building a **community** for individual and collective **wellbeing***
- 3) ***Sharing** of resources and equitable redistribution of surpluses*

Permaculture is... common sense!

Design of whole site inspired by **nature** to develop a **bio-diverse** and **productive** system that is **sustainable**



Design takes account of people and **community** as part of the system

Human activity working in **harmony with the natural eco-system**

Encourage wildlife

hazel and willow
coppice will provide
bean rods, pea sticks
and basketry
materials

bird boxes



insect
habitats/
hotels

wildflowers



bat boxes



orchard

wildlife
pond

log piles



Access

Footpath access connecting Ferry Lane with the Bier Path at the Village Hall to provide a new walking route for



Disabled access using the existing access to the village hall, to allow easy and safe access to help encourage less physically able people to participate

A reinforced ground access track and turning circle for disabled access and occasional deliveries/ drop offs by prior arrangement and during restricted hours



Sustainability

Communal **compost**, **leaf**, **manure** and **wood chip bays** (with controlled access for local tree surgeons) to provide a useful service to local people, and useful products to improve soil fertility on the site

Water tank, **borehole** and **solar panels** to deliver a sustainable water supply and shed lighting



Plant/produce stall for sale/ given free surplus produce, and an information noticeboard to promote forthcoming events, etc.

Plots & areas

Start with a few plots, create more if demand increases

A communal covered area with seating and shed

Plots can be used for chickens



Modest rent

Plot renters will commit to maintaining our communal areas

Plots for locals

Organic growing principles

25m x 10m

Communal growing areas, including **raised beds** suitable for disabled access and a **polytunnel**, will be cultivated by the community and the produce shared in the community

Area for the school



Timescale

- PC consultation – Sat 26th March 2022
- Set up management committee
- Agree design
- Apply for funding
- Get started ASAP



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