



## Community Gardens FAQ

How will plots be allocated? Assessment of need or first come first served? Local resident priority?

*Parishioners will be given priority. A list of applicants will be maintained in date order, and plots will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Where exceptional needs are identified they will be taken into consideration and such applicants might be prioritised. A waiting list will be maintained, if necessary.*

How much will a plot/half plot cost per month/year?

*This will depend on demand and the number of plots that we can accommodate. We will aim to align pricing with the rates charged at local allotment sites.*

Can I have half a plot/share a plot with friends?

*Yes, we anticipate that half and even 1/3 plots will be allocated, depending on demand. Plots may be shared, but not sub-let.*

Have SSWCG quantified the demand for plots?

*Yes, to date fourteen households have expressed an interest*

Will a phased approach be taken to building plots and the poly tunnel according to demand?

*Yes*

The plots look very big - are they bigger than 'standard' plot size?

*The plots are a standard size*

I don't know much about growing produce, will there be support?

*Yes, we have several good gardeners in the village who have agreed to provide training and support as required. We're also planning to hold workshops and organise classes*

Will dogs be allowed in the community garden?

*Well behaved dogs on leads will be welcome*

How will you ensure the local wildlife such as deer don't ruin my plot?

*We will apply for grant funds for suitable fencing to keep deer and rabbits from the growing areas*

Will there be a public footpath through the park?

*There will be a footpath through The Park which will be open to the public. Whether or not this will become a Public Footpath will have to be determined with the Parish Council*

Can anyone visit the community garden? Or just the plot holders?

*We're planning open access*



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Will I be able to drive my car to my plot to drop off heavy items?

*We will encourage people to walk/bicycle as much as possible. However, we recognise the need to provide vehicular access, during limited hours, for people with mobility issues and also to drop off heavy or bulky items*

Will the gates be locked?

*Vehicle access gates will be locked but with controlled access for plot holders*

It's a tight entrance from Cross Keys Road. How do you plan to mitigate the risks of extra traffic that might be generated?

*Plot owners and visitors will be encouraged to walk or bicycle to the Community Gardens. Vehicular access will be controlled*

Will there be wheelchair access?

*Yes*

Is the 'road' that runs through the road tarmac?

*No! It's a reinforced ground access track made from recycled plastic that is also recyclable at end of life. It provides ground protection whilst allowing the grass to grow through the track*

What sort of traffic will use the reinforced track that runs through the garden?

*Visitors requiring disabled access and occasional, controlled access for deliveries/drop offs*

Is the 'turning circle' for vehicles?

*Occasionally, and by prior arrangement, vehicles delivering/collecting bulky items will use the turning circle*

Who will manage the community gardens?

*The intention is that the gardens will be run by a Community Garden Associate (CGA). The CGA will operate independently of the Parish Council, under the governance of the South Stoke Amenities Charity, or under an arrangement with the PC that is similar to the arrangement between the Amenities Charity and the PC. Please refer to the document 'SSWCG Aims & Management Arrangements for Community Gardens, March 2022' for more information (available on [www.southstokewildlife.org](http://www.southstokewildlife.org))*

Who will be responsible for maintaining good order and general tidiness?

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How will the project be funded?

*We have commenced funding discussions with grant bodies and fully expect to be able to raise the required monies. There is no intention to seek monies from the PC*



### Community Gardens FAQ (continued)

What are 'permaculture principles'?

*'Permaculture' is an agricultural eco-system that is sustainable and self sufficient. The three key principles 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*