Get Growing Garden Trail

Open days 18 & 19 September 2021

It’s time to Get Growing again!
Join us for a harvest festival with Bristol’s secret fruit & veg gardeners
Get Growing Garden Trail 2021

The Get Growing Garden Trail is an opportunity to explore the city’s secret fruit and veg gardens – Bristol’s community allotments and orchards, smallholdings and mini plots, city farms and productive parks.

This year the Trail runs over the weekend of 18–19 September, giving visitors a chance to join in with this year’s harvest celebrations. Plot your own Trail around the city using the map inside. You’ll also need a smartphone, SatNav or A-Z to find your way around the city. Use the symbols to plan lunch stops or an outing with the kids, or read a bit more to pick out projects which interest you. Trail admission is free.

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1. **Aliva dementia-friendly allotment Brenty**
   Plot 18, Charlton Road Allotments, Brently BS10 6JZ
   Free on-street parking on Charlton Road. We are the first plot to the right inside the gate.
   Sunday 19 September, 12 noon–4 pm
   Come and visit Bristol’s first fully wheelchair-accessible dementia-friendly allotment. We have a beautiful plot overflowing with colour, fruit, veg and flowers, a polytunnel, a wildlife area and a relaxing sensory seating space. There is also a compost toilet, a social shed and tea and coffee making facilities. Wheelchair accessible. Dog friendly.
   Volunteer sessions: Mondays & Thursdays all year round 10 am–3 pm
   aliveactivities.org
   communitygardening@aliveactivities.org

2. **Bramble Farm**
   Beckington Walk, Knowle BS3 5EA
   Sat Nav postcode BS4 1AW. From Redcatch Road, enter Stockwood Crescent and we are mid-point on the crescent. Walk through the park and turn right. The allotment entrance is opposite City Academy’s staff car park (look for sign on Russell Town Avenue).
   Sunday 19 September, 11–4 pm
   Bramble Farm started up more than 10 years ago when TV chef Antony Worrall Thompson contacted a local primary school with an offer to help local residents set up a small-holding on disused land, which featured in the River Cottage TV programme.
   The farm is going strong with a solid group of committed local families who all muck in to make the farm a very special place. Come and have a look around, and have a bite to eat. See the animals and vegetable patch in this beautiful spot on the Northern Slopes.
   Friends of Bramble Farm

3. **Babbator**
   Plot 15, Naval Road Allotments, Babbator BS10 6JZ
   Free on-street parking off the cycle path. We grow vegetables, fruit, flowers, herbs and trees, which featured in the River Cottage TV programme. Dartmoor is full of bees, butterflies, birds and frogs.
   Volunteer sessions: Saturday 18 September, 10–2 pm
   Volunteers are welcome to bring their own picnic, snacks etc. There is a willow dome den for children and two picnic benches.
   kids@babbator.org
   www.babbator.org

4. **Blaise Community Garden**
   Next to Blaise Musesum, off Church Lane BS10 7OS
   Through the big black gate, just past Blaise House Museum (to the left as you look at the house).
   Saturday 18 September, 10–3 pm
   BCG is a community run kitchen garden. Dating from the 1800s it had a varied history, but became neglected and overgrown. In 2013 a small group of local residents persuaded Bristol City Council to let them in and start clearing over an acre of land. The project is entirely volunteer led and now has over 60 members. It provides an opportunity for people to learn about gardening, sharing both their time and harvest. On the day we will be offering tours and refreshments.
   Volunteer sessions: Saturdays, Mondays & Wednesdays, 10–2 pm. No need to book.
   www.blaisecommunitygarden.org.uk

5. **Bridge Farm**
   Bell Hill BS16 1BQ
   Saturday 18 September, 10 am–5 pm
   Sunday 19 September, 10 am–4 pm
   A bridge between city and country, this farm is emergent and creative, self-organising and inspired with plants perennial and vegetables, herbs and trees, animals, insects, people and history. Come be a part of something special.
   Bridge Farm will be open to all on both days, for both visits and volunteering. No need to book.
   bridgefarmbristol.co.uk
   @Bridge Farmers @Bridgefarm_bristol

6. **City Academy Bristol Community Allotment (CA BCA)**
   City Academy, Russell Town Avenue BS5 9JF
   The allotment entrance is opposite City Academy’s staff car park (look for sign on Russell Town Avenue).
   Volunteer sessions: Sunday 19 September, 12 noon–2 pm
   Our allotment is based within the grounds of City Academy Bristol (CAB). Our site runs as a mix of local resident plot holders and community groups including Easton Community Children’s Centre, alongside students from CAB. We run Stay and Play sessions for local families and residents lead regular work days to keep the site safe and looking good, and to share skills and knowledge!
   Wheelchair accessible.
   Volunteer sessions by arrangement communityallotmentCAB@gmail.com

7. **The Community Farm**
   The Community Farm, Denny Lane, Chew Magna BS40 8SZ
   Farm tours: Saturday 18 September, 11 am
   Volunteer sessions: Saturday, 10 am–1 pm and 2–4 pm
   Actively participate in the work of our organic, nature-friendly farm: you will get your hands dirty and learn lots about growing and food production, through sessions that have been designed to be sociable and fun! The exact activities will depend on what’s needed on the fields, but normally include planting, weeding and harvesting.
   The Community Farm is in a beautiful setting, overlooking Chew Valley Lake. Adults and (supervised) children are welcome but places are limited so please book your place in advance.
   To book your place, please email:
   volunteer@thecommunityfarm.co.uk
   www.thecommunityfarm.co.uk

8. **Dame Emily Park Project**
   Dame Emily Park, Morley Road entrance, BS3 1DT
   Open access site 24/7 all year round
   Volunteers on site Sunday 19 September, 2–4 pm
   Volunteers will be at the park from 2–4 pm to help get involved. Planting, seeding and digging – Visit our Bee Village Collect free herbs for visitors – Nature related kids activity – Have a chat over coffee & snacks – Pirate band playing!
   dameemilypark.com

9. **Easton Community Garden**
   Gordon Road, Easton BS1 7HS
   Just off Bristol to Bath Railway Path. Down drive between 58 and 60 Gordon Road. Large green gate on the left.
   Volunteer sessions: Sundays 2–4 pm on 15 August, 12 & 26 September
   fishpondsorchard@gmail.com
   Fishponds Community Orchard

10. **Elm Tree Farm**
    Park Road, Stapleton BS16 1AA
    Our entrance is next to Stapleton Cricket Club, we have a sign outside. Follow the driveway until you reach the car park or to the end and turn right if on foot/cycling.
    Volunteer sessions: Saturday 18 September, 10.30 am–3.30 pm
    We are a 12 acre farm, producing veg, flowers, meat and eggs. All of our growing is powered by organic principles, lots of organic matter and the joyful work of many pairs of hands. We support adults with learning disabilities and autism, who grow, learn and thrive alongside us – we would love to show you around our gardens.
    www.elmteerfarm.org

11. **Fishponds Community Orchard**
    Plot 180–182, Thingwall Park Allotments Thingwall Park, Fishponds BS16 2AE
    The orchard will be signposted from the two entrances to the allotments. Entrances are on Thingwall Park opposite Hawkesbury Road and Knowsley Road.
    Volunteer sessions: Sundays 2–4 pm on 15 August, 12 & 26 September
    www.bristolfoodnetwork.org

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**KEY**
- activities
- lunch stop & snacks
- plants or produce
- toilet or compost loo

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Grow Wilder (Avon Wildlife Trust) 40 members growing no-dig organic veg and 11am–4pm Saturday 18 September & Sunday 19 September, turn left in the field.

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lwfarm.org.uk · 0117 938 1128
accessible. Activity is suitable for all ages, no experience
soup and teaching people about harvesting, storing and
the quality of life for local people by providing inspiring
Tuesday–Saturday, 9.30am–4.30pm
Saltmarsh Drive BS11 0NJ

The rear of Eden Grove Methodist Church, Eden Grove
Hazelnut Community Farm

Ashton Hill

Garden and peruse the plants in our Wildflower Nursery.
Apothecary, Sims Hill and Street Goat. Have a cup of tea
looking to be involved in growing food in North Horfield.
We are a community garden that aims to grow food to
growing. We manage a range of habitats for you to explore
nature to recover on a grand scale through inspiring
Grow Wilder is an Avon Wildlife Trust site aimed at enabling
six can participate when supervised by carers.

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The Community Garden is down the lane by Hunters,
St George Community Garden, The Old Bandstand, St George BS5 1AF.
The community garden is on a raised area opposite the local, sail and children's area in the park centre. It is on a
raised hillside surrounded by a low wooden ‘hangi’ fence. Open access site 24/7 all year round
Volunteer session: Saturday 18 September, 10am–12 noon – places must be booked via Eventbrite see Facebook page
The Community Garden work parties can include sowing seeds and planting new crops, harvesting produce, f Eugying
and removing wild plants, mashing with real mashing
clipping the grass around base of beds, turning compost
beds and removing overtaking or adding organic feed to
the fur and veg beds may be needed. Shaving a chair and
a drink at tea break is also an essential part of the whole
work party. No experience required.
friends@stgeorgepark.org.uk
St George Park Community Orchard & Allotment

Royale Hill Allotments Site, Royale Hill BS6 6HN
Turn off Royale Hill down the lane under the viaduct, into the allotments site. Walk 400m and pillotted the Orchard
on your left.
Saturday 18 September, 11am–4.30pm
Communal apple-pressing
Come along and experience the sticky thrill of making
apple juice, and take some away in a box, contained
when you leave. From collecting the apples, to squishing &
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in action, with no waste! Families welcome and kids over
six can participate when supervised by carers.
www.facebook.com/events/237495544868419
Saturday 19 September, from 12 noon–3pm: open site visits & chats
Open day to explore the site. Pop by to explore our beautiful site on a south facing slope. Chat with project
guards Mike Hedstrom; the Bristol permaculturekept, and find out the history of the site and project; about
permaculture and no dig growing; taste some of our 40+
varieties of apples and pears by donation some apple juice and older vigner.
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Upcoming events & volunteering sessions

23 The Golden Hill Community Garden

Through allotment gates at end of Monk Road BS7 8NE
Behind Horfield Prison and Bishop Road School
Volunteering sessions: Wednesdays

Join us in our big beautiful garden. New volunteers are welcome along. Come at 12pm or 2:30pm on any Wednesday for your first visit and after that you can drop in between 10am–4pm. There is no need to come every week or stay all day and we’ve always got a range of jobs to suit different energy levels, including sitting down jobs. Our wildlife-friendly site has two polytunnels, 40+ raised beds, a strawbale building, a well and solar powered water recycling system. Our garden is flat with wide hardstanding paths and our toilet is wheelchair accessible.

www.thegoldenhillcommunitygarden.com

24 The HAVEN Land & Community

Wainbrook Drive, Royate Hill BS5 7EG
End of Wainbrook Drive, walk across grass patch (look slightly right) through metal gates and tunnel, the HAVEN is straight ahead.

STOP PRESS!! Now open during the Trail for a ‘Meet & Greet’: Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 September, 11am–5pm

The HAVEN is a community land project supporting people in recovery from trauma, mental health and addiction issues. Based in Bristol on 1.2 acres of green space, we’re volunteer led and provide a safe space where people can enjoy nature, relax, socialise and learn new skills related to gardening, permaculture, nature, conservation, health, well-being and many other therapeutic activities.

Volunteering sessions: Tuesdays & Fridays, 11am–4pm onwards

thehavenbristol.wordpress.com · The Haven Community Garden
haven.land.community@gmail.com · 07523 287919

25 Horfield Organic Community Orchard Apple Day

Walk down lane beside 22 Kings Drive BS7 8JP
Sunday 17 October – times to be confirmed
Pioneering, member-managed orchard. A hidden urban oasis inspiring fruit growing as a way to grow community, wellbeing, and local sustainable food. Celebrate with the community group who transformed marginal land into a beautiful, fruitful orchard bursting with life from the soil to the tops of the trees. Activities: Apple ID – more information on our website. Fruit trees and produce for sale. Pre-order from our website and collect on the day. Find out how to join the orchard – share harvests and know how.

@HorfieldOrchard · www.community-orchard.org.uk

STOP PRESS!!

Find out how Bristol is using good food to #BiteBackBetter this year, as well as news of the city’s recently awarded Gold Sustainable Food City status at:

www.bristolbitesbackbetter.co.uk

Bristol Food Network CIC supports, informs and connects individuals, community projects, organisations and businesses who share a vision to transform Bristol into a sustainable food city. Sign-up for Bristol’s good food update e-newsletter at:

www.bristolfoodnetwork.org

‘Bristol Good Food’ is a simple message developed by the Food Policy Council. We believe that ‘Good Food’ is vital to the quality of people’s lives in the city. As well as being tasty, healthy and affordable, the food we eat should be good for nature, good for workers, good for local businesses and good for animal welfare.

www.bristolfoodpolicycouncil.org

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