

Community Garden Mission Statement

A Community Garden is any piece of land gardened by a group of people for the benefit of the group and the wider community.

We aim to provide a space on Castle hill Allotments to grow organic food, to be a healing centre for people with mental and physical disabilities as well as creating opportunities of recreation, exercise, therapy and education. We want to use this resource to help the local community and to transform the allotment space into a productive site for growing fruit, vegetables, flowers and herbs.

We aim to attract individuals who live in flats or homes that don't provide enough space for personal gardens or those who have a garden but have no idea how to grow food in it. We would like to get local residents involved in our gardening community so enabling individuals who otherwise wouldn't have the opportunity to grow their own plants and vegetables to do so too.

Our Community Garden will be a great place for families to learn how to grow plants and vegetables and for children to learn about insects, bugs and mammals such as hedgehogs. We would like in the future to hold activity events in the school holidays at the Community Garden to help educate the community and to attract new volunteer families onto our books.

We aim for volunteers to get the following benefits from the Community Garden growing, eating our own produce, helping people to make new friends who may be at risk of isolation and offering an improved quality of life, lower family food budgets, conservation, better eating habits and much more.