Food Growing in Parks A Guide for Councils

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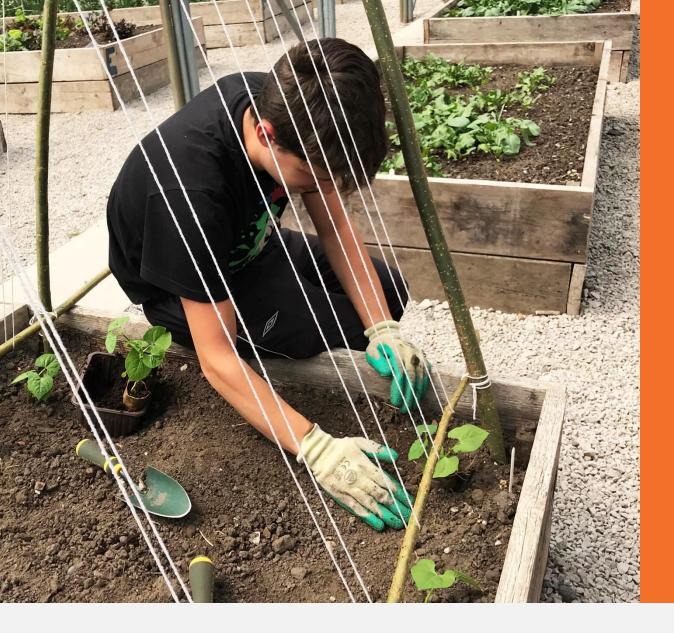


What?
Why?
How?
Where?









Why grow food in parks?

- Health and Wellbeing benefits
- Social and Community Benefits





Growing Oldham

- Whole council approach
- Partnerships with reps
- 80 projects and 5 hubs
- Health and growing ambassadors
- 800 people engaged

Veg in the Park

- Passionate resident inspired by a session in another park
- Now a vibrant growing space and CIC, money raised from produce sales is reinvested







- Jobs & Skills
- Education
- Climate Change









What? Typology of food growing

	Туре	Benefits
A. Open access	Edible Planting	✓ Build a 'culture' of food growing➤ Small scale / restricted by lack of facilities
	Open access garden	✓ Encourages interaction ➤ Open to vandalism
	Orchard	✓ Open access opportunity for engagement✗ Take a number of years to produce harvest
	Educational projects	✓ Potential for wider reach, deeper engagement✗ Require resources, open to elements
B. Gated access	Community Growing projects	✓ Demonstrate benefits of food growing with high engagement, opening hours✗ Not fully accessible
	Productive Growing	✓ Generate revenue to help with sustainability➤ Needs investment, closed and most food 'sold'





How? New Ways of Working

Council Role: Leading, facilitating, trusting vs

Tenure, Management, Funding, Volunteers and Visitor Experience









Where? Duthie Park, Aberdeen

- Council led involvement
- Rangers provide activities
- Park Force volunteers 1000 hours
- Highly visible and open access
- HLF and council funding
- Set hours for volunteering
- Referrals from NHS
- RHS of A workshops





Albert Park, Middlesbrough

- Facilitating
- Central location, former plant nursery
- Partnership with local orgs
- Informal agreement to open and develop a project for migrants, residents and others
- Mixed responsibilities cost neutral







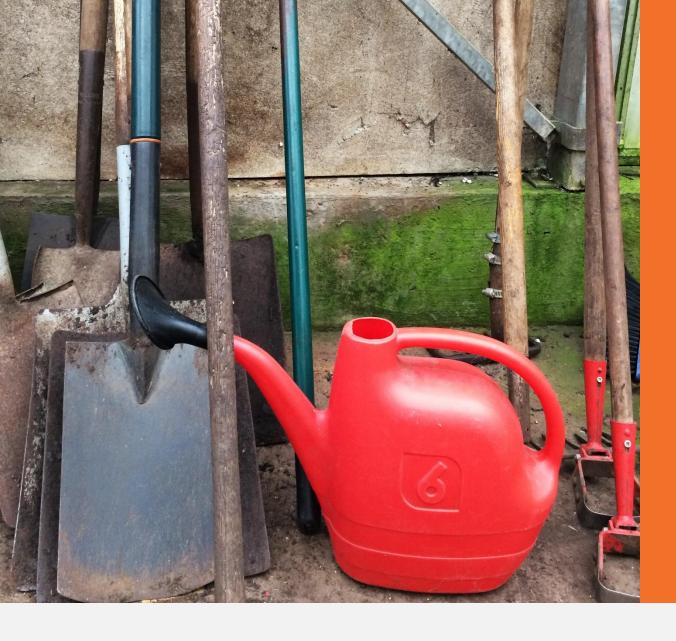


Scotch Quarry Park, Lancaster

- Community-led Fruity corners created from open grassland
- Now 2 areas Forest Garden and a Cottage Garden
- Community Garden Trust taken over management plan
- Funding from grants and donations and events that cover costs
- Gardening sessions led by trustees







What Next?

- Time is right
- Stemming decline
- Balanced approach





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