

Community Garden Proposal



Dear residents of Foulden, Mordington & Lamberton,

In the feedback from the Community Council survey last year an idea was put forward that we use a small corner of the playing field as a community garden, and I'm writing to tell you our plans.

We, Foulden, Mordington and Lamberton Community Council (FMLCC) and the King George VI Playing Field trustees, have been in contact with Abundant Borders, a local charity who have assisted in the setting up of community food gardens: Ayton (nearest), Coldingham, Eyemouth (smallest), Duns (largest) and Hawick (furthest). You can find out about Abundant Borders and see pictures of the gardens they have supported at <http://abundantborders.org.uk>.

Whilst COVID-19 restrictions mean we cannot hold an initial meeting at the moment we would like to gather expressions of interest from the community.

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What is it?

The community food gardens act as a training base for people to learn how to grow their own food in a sustainable way and then how to turn that food into healthy, inexpensive meals. Initially we start small with a focus on trees and shrubs with little ground disturbance then with sustained interest move onto planting seeds.

Why?

To provide a social focus activity and exercise

- To meet others outside
- To exercise through gardening activity
- To learn about gardening and the wider environment
- To take gardening ideas away for personal use
- To produce something that the group has worked on

Commitment?

The Ayton garden (begun in 2017) is managed by three or four volunteers working a couple of hours each Monday and Thursday afternoon. The Duns garden is a larger site and at a much earlier stage of development. Pre lockdown there were 10 volunteers who wanted to work in the garden on a regular basis.

We'd like to know whether you would be interested in being involved in the Community Garden project once COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. If you would like to know more, please get in touch with us by replying to this email or via:

Website: <https://www.fmlcc.org/contact>

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We hope to hear from you.

Kind regards and keep safe

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