



The Green Patch Grows People



The Green Patch is an award winning community garden project nestled in the heart of England, hosting volunteer days, children's clubs, education sessions and family events.

An award winning community garden

Established on a 2.5 acre site, the Green Patch features a community garden with four large polytunnels, beehives, a health and wellbeing garden, grass paddock, free play areas, a wildlife orchard and wildlife ponds. There are ducks, chickens, rabbits, and....a cat!

The Green Patch is a vibrant and inspiring environment that is open to people of all ages and abilities. We provide a safe, enjoyable place for growing confidence, meeting new people and having new experiences.

Visitors can learn about environmental awareness, horticulture, animal husbandry and other hands on practical skills like woodwork – all in a natural environment where they are valued and respected by others.

We work closely with local residents, volunteers, afterschool clubs, health and wellbeing groups, additional needs children and adults ensuring we are developing the site for a diverse range of users.

Come down to the patch...

We host a number of community services including:

- A diverse range of after school clubs for children with all abilities, offering families the short breaks service where needed.
- Regular and supported adult volunteer days
- Alternative education for children and young people with barriers to achieving in mainstream education
- Community events and workshops
- The Green Patch also runs a seasonal 'Veg Box' scheme providing the local community with fresh produce at an affordable cost, encouraging healthy eating and positive well-being. All proceeds going directly back into the running costs of the Green Patch.

The Green Patch is also an environmental project, providing an ecologically rich place for the local community to interact with and learn about the environment.

The Green Patch features:

- A community garden where volunteers grow flowers, herb and vegetables
- Beehives and a bee friendly garden
- Wildlife ponds and wildlife corridors
- Orchards full of apple and pear trees
- Support to local environmental groups




We are proud winners of the **Green Flag Award** and the **Bees Needs Award**.





Contact us

We are open to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am – 2pm. Both days are volunteering days with Thursday having a focus on health and wellbeing and including a health walk at 11am. We also run a number of different services where the site is closed and used by different disability and educational groups.

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About Groundwork

Groundwork is a federation of charities mobilising practical community action on poverty and the environment across the UK. We're passionate about creating a future where every neighbourhood is vibrant and green, every community is strong and able to shape its own destiny and no-one is held back by their background or circumstances.

Groundwork Northamptonshire has been managing and growing the Green Patch since 2007, transforming it from a site that wasn't managed and barely used, into a vibrant green space and much loved friendly community hub.

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