



Plotgate Community Farm- Growing Food, Community and Ecology

www.plotgatecommunityfarm.org

info@plotgatecommunityfarm.org (preferred contact)

07817 608283

Plotgate is a CSA- a Community Supported Agriculture project, which invites people to join the farm as members who choose to share in the risks and the rewards of farming, by paying a regular subscription for their share of the harvest. Members have access to the farm and can join in with food and farm events, workshops and volunteering. True seasonal eating means experiencing the joyful abundance of high summer, and the leaner times of the hungry gap.

Our mission is to excite a lively local food culture, by providing access to the farm and to fresh, seasonal food that is produced using truly sustainable means, by and for our community.

The backbone of Plotgate Community Farm is the supply of seasonal vegetable boxes to members throughout the year. We call this your “veg share” as it is your share of the harvest.

Plotgate serves Glastonbury, Street, Somerton, Langport and the surrounding villages.

What's in a share?

Members can choose the size and frequency of their harvest share- there are 2 sizes (standard or small) and you can subscribe for a weekly or fortnightly box. **All veg is unwashed and packed straight from the fields so please wash all items thoroughly before use.**

Our standard share is an average of 8 different types of veg- we try to provide potatoes, onions, a root veg and salad every week with additional seasonal items.

Small shares contain an average of 6 different items- typically these are packed without potatoes and onions as we find these are items members most frequently do not want.

If you collect veg from one of our hubs, we offer a “swaps” box, which contains a range of items not featuring in your box- there is also a travelling swap box on board our delivery van. You are welcome to exchange unwanted box items with anything from the swaps box- we offer this an alternative to bespoke boxes and we hope it helps to cater for individual tastes and needs.

Veg items are swapped 1:1 (swap box items are bagged in an equivalent quantity)

Apple Juice is available to swap 1: 2 veg items to reflect its higher value.

How much does it cost?

We ask for a notional commitment of 6 months after your initial trial, so that we can plan what we are growing and for how many people. Setting up a monthly standing order/ recurring payment for the same day of each calendar month makes payments simple. We also offer a 6 month subscription 1st April-1st October and 1st Oct-1st April at a discounted price for an upfront payment.

Standard, weekly box collected: £59.40 pcm (£68.90 delivered)

Standard, fortnightly box collected: £29.70 pcm (£34.45 delivered)

Small weekly box collected: £45.10 pcm (£54.60 delivered)

Small fortnightly box collected: £22.55 pcm (£27.30 delivered)

Can I try before I buy?

Yes- we offer a two-box trial for the special introductory price of £25 including delivery (standard share) and £18 for a small share. You can order your 2 boxes for any week/ dates you would like.

How can I get my veg?

We harvest veg twice each week and take it to...

Mondays 4.30pm- Pendragon House, Butleigh Road, Glastonbury BA6 8AQ (collection available until Wednesday morning) We also offer delivery on Monday evenings 4.00-7.00pm available in Baltonsborough, Coxbridge, West Bradley, West Pennard, Glastonbury, Street and surrounding villages.

Mondays 5-8pm- Friend's Meeting House, 36 High Street, Street

Fridays 4-6.30pm from the Barton Inn, Barton St David.

Saturdays 10am-1pm at the Bridge Bakery and Canteen, Langport. Saturdays- delivery is available 9-10.30am in Keinton Mandeville, Kingweston, Compton Dundon, Somerton, Langport and the surrounding area.

How are the vegetables grown?

Plotgate is a low-carbon farm- your vegetables are grown with minimal disturbance to the soil, and our methods enhance the local ecology. We do not use chemical fertilizers, pesticides or anything of that nature, and use mostly Soil Association Certified, or locally grown inputs (composts, manure, seed etc.) We are always happy to answer questions about production, aiming to be as transparent as possible.

All of the fresh produce is grown at Plotgate and picked fresh for your boxes. However, we do buy in some stored veg for winter boxes e.g. potatoes, onions and carrots, depending on how our supplies last.

We only buy from local, Organic certified producers to ensure that no nasties are entering your veg shares.

What happens if I am away or can't collect my veg?

We are happy for members to swap their collection day/week to accommodate holidays etc. - just give us 24 hours' notice please and send requests via email.

If this doesn't work and you are away for 1-2 weeks, we ask if you can find a friend to take on your veg share for this time. This is a great way to introduce new people to the project and is often a very welcome gift.

However, if you are going to be away for longer than this, we are happy for subscriptions to be suspended for 1 month. We are pretty flexible and the best thing is to get in touch if you are going to be away and we can find the best solution.

If you forget or are late collecting your veg, please email us to arrange an alternative collection. This will often be from the fridge in the barn at Plotgate Community Farm, or we may be able to deliver if we are passing your way.

Cancelling your subscription

We ask for a month's notice when you finish your subscription- this is so we can sort out payments and get everything square. You will need to cancel your bank payments as this is not something we have access to.

What's this about Membership?

Plotgate CSA is a co-operative, and as a "consumer" of our veg, you also become a member of the organisation. Your level of participation is up to you. All members are invited to our AGM, and you can vote on important issues, including the election of the Board of Directors. We encourage but do not enforce participation.

I'm interested in growing food and volunteering- can I join in with growing?

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am-5pm Plotgate Community Farm is open to volunteers- anyone can get involved. Regular volunteers (weekly or fortnightly) are of great benefit to the growers and we are happy to provide a "thank you" box of vegetables to regular volunteer members.