

# Bollington Community Garden

## What is a community garden?

Community gardens are locally managed pieces of land run by and for the local community. Community gardens all grow plants but many also provide a wide variety of social, recreational, educational services. They differ from allotments in that the land is managed collectively. This has the advantage that as people gain (or lose) interest in the project, the land will be always be looked after. The main advantage is that the garden becomes a place for people can get together and make more connections with others in their community.

## Who are the community garden group?

The Bollington Community Garden group are a group of Bollington residents who are keen to create a community garden. The group is part of the Bollington Civic Society, a charity who has promoted the interests of community life in Bollington for many decades.

## Who will the garden be for?

The garden will be for the people of Bollington who want to get involved. The garden will be welcoming to all sectors of the community: young and old, able bodied and disabled, experienced gardeners or new starters.

## What is the garden for?

The garden and group aim to:

- Promote sustainable living through growing food locally
- To create a place for all Bollington residents to enjoy being outdoors
- Give people, young and old, the chance to learn about growing food
- Promote community spirit in Bollington through working together

This initial set of aims will remain constant. However, other objectives may evolve over time according to the type of land we find, the funding we get and according to the wishes of the volunteers.

## Where will the garden be?

The garden is at an early stage and is looking at several options for land. A community garden can be on land which is owned or rented. There are several reasons that landowners may wish to allow a community garden on their land:

- An active group of people will be looking after the land
- Lots of time will be invested in improving the fertility of the land through composting
- Many landowners will sympathise with the objectives of teaching people about growing, food and respect for the land.
- Landowners are likely to live in Bollington and may wish to take a greater part in community life.

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