

Greenslate Community Farm

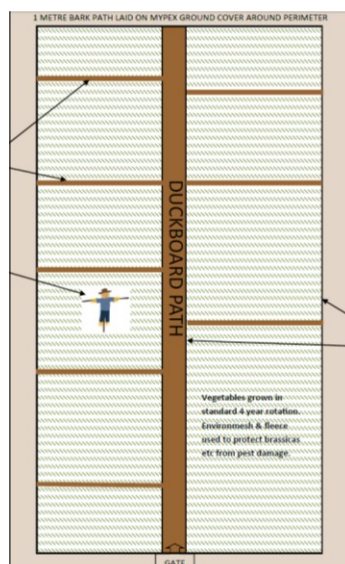
Project Experience Sheet

Trial Plot



The intention was to use the plot for 18/24 months to trial vegetable varieties. This information will then be used to form the basis of the field-scale vegetable CSA scheme. The plot will also act as a focal point for the events that ran at Greenslate throughout the year. It was maintained by volunteers and the produce shared out amongst them. The growing area was approximately 10m x 5m with a 1m wide path surround

Here's a plan of how we divided the plot for crops and showing the arrangements of the duckboard paths.



Tasks:

- Remove turf by hand, stack (top side to top side) and cover turf stack with mypex for 12-24 months. Re-place fertility with green waste compost from TEG Environmental who compost the green waste from Wigan.
- 1m high perimeter fencing half-round posts with rabbit-proof chicken wire on the inside of the post and windproof material battened on to the outside.
- There is a mains water supply on site but water butts will be used to buffer the effects of the temperature and chlorinated nature of mains water
- Moveable planks were used to mark beds and to walk on during watering, weeding, inspection and picking.



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- We intended to use a community made scarecrow coupled with hanging CD's to scare away pigeons but time didn't allow for this

Compost bins

- On site—Rotol plastic bins make the best compost and can be sited on the growing beds and moved around. Static bins made of old pallets might be more cost effective



Trial Plot Seed List & Suppliers

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Vegetable	Variety		Seed Company
Potatoes:	Orla		Tamar
	Kestrel		Tamar
	Ambo		Tamar
	Valor		Tamar
Onions:	Centurian	Sets	Robinsons?
	Sturon	Sets	Robinsons?
	Red Baron	Sets	Robinsons?
Beetroot:	Barbietola Di Chioggia		Tamar
	Rhonda F1		Tamar
Broad Beans:	Imperial Green Longpod		Garden Organic
	Green Winsor		Garden Organic
Dwarf French Bean	Slenderette		Garden Organic
Runner Beans	Enorma		Tamar
Leaf Beet (Chard)	Rainbow Chard		Tamar
	Swiss Chard		Tamar
Broccoli	Purple Sprouting		
		Late	Garden Organic
		Early	Tamar
	Fiesta F1	Calabrese	Tamar
Brussel Sprouts:	Seven Hills		Garden Organic
	Igor		Tamar
Cabbage:	Derby Day	Mid	Tamar
	Deadon F1	Winter	Tamar
	Flower of Spring	Spring	?/poss sub pixie
	Offenham	Spring	Garden Organic
	Vertus	Savoy	Tamar
Carrots:	Flakee		Garden Organic

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	Berlicum		Tamar
	Autumn King		Tamar
Celeriac:	Prinz		Tamar
Celery:	Green Utah		Tamar
Courgettes	Black Beauty		Garden Organic
	Striato de Napoli		Real Seed Cat
Kale:	Nero Di Toscana		Tamar
	Westland Winter		Garden Organic
Leek	Zermatt		Tamar
Lettuce	Winter Density		Garden Organic
	Navarra	Red	Garden Organic
	Marvel of 4 Seasons		Garden Organic
	Paris Island	Cos	Tamar
	Bionda Foglia Riccia	Cut & Come Again	Garden Organic
Parsnips	Tender & True		Tamar
	Gladiator		Garden Organic
Peas	Rondo 250g		Tamar
	Sugar Pea Norli	Edible podded	Garden Organic
	Weggisser	Edible podded	Garden Organic
Radish	Spring/Summer	Cherry Bell	Tamar
	Autumn/Winter	Rosa	Tamar
Squash:	Burgess Vine Buttercup		Real Seed Cat
	Marina Di Chioggia		Tamar
	Gem Store		Garden Organic
Swede	Joan		Real Seed Cat
	Helenor		Garden Organic
Turnip	Golden Ball		Tamar

Lessons Learned:

- The compost produced some really good results
- Because the compost originated from domestic waste, there were a few items in it that needed picked out (plastic bottle tops, chicken bones)
- The experienced growers amongst us were surprised and pleased with the compost.

Acknowledgements

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- Individuals

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