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Growing Rural Enterprise Ltd



What we have done

- Identified a group of learners for the project
- Farms who have incorporated social enterprise activity with the growing of vegetables and fruit.
- Identified sustainable growing systems with the use of local communities and potential historic and tourist outcomes.

Research

- We have noticed an increase in the demand for local flowers as well as local food produce.
- From this we will be facilitating a one day workshop at a community farm/walled garden
- The lead on the course is a farmer from Yorkshire, Field House Flowers which train and educate people in the growing of English seasonal flowers.

Community Supported Agriculture

- Based on the theory that the local community buy products directly from the farm.
- The community is encouraged to help out on the enterprise.
- Mainly fruit and vegetables but also can be meat.



Potential for Tourism

- Garden tours
- Yurts, shepherds huts and wooden lodges on the farms/gardens
- Educational days including growing, pruning, cookery, rural crafts, cider making, apple juicing.
- Activity weekends, building raised beds, community orchards.



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- Historical weekends, culinary trails, historical dining
- Eco food trails (electric bike)
- Natural food trails
- Open farm Sunday





Our Case studies

- Woodhouse Community Farm and Garden

Operates a vegetable box scheme for the surrounding villages

Re-developed a historical walled garden

Uses traditional methods of growing plants and fruit.

Provide rare breed high welfare beef and pork.

Been the base for community welfare projects for 4 years.

Oak Tree Farm Rural Project

- Grows fruit, herbs and vegetables in a small kitchen garden.
- Produces a high quantity of eggs
- Produce is used in a café inspired by seasonal produce fresh from the garden.
- They have open days to sell fresh produce and plants twice a year with over £7000 being raised each time.
- 75 people attend of the week to help with the growing and maintenance of the project/farm.
- Team members are people with learning disabilities and long term health injuries caused by acquired brain injuries.

The Hatch

- Originally a log cabin used as accommodation for musicians who used the on farm recording studio
- We were approached to help develop the business with the aim of boosting income.
- The Hatch is a base for 'Woofers'
- There is an organic garden with ancient damson and apple orchards.
- The proprietors now rent out the cabin as holiday accommodation and have added shepherds huts in the damson orchard as well as a larger wooden building with a veranda that can be used for weddings.
- Food and drink is made on the farm and available for people to buy.
- Now marketed under Alastair Sawdays Canopies and the stars.