

Had enough of the city? Need some fresh air? Fancy a spot of digging or donkey brushing? Feel like going green and meeting some like-minded people? At a loose end? Want to make a difference by improving your local environment? Or share your skills and learn new ones? Are you a teacher wanting to escape the classroom and find new, exciting ways to deliver the National Curriculum?

Look no further than your local city farm or community garden!

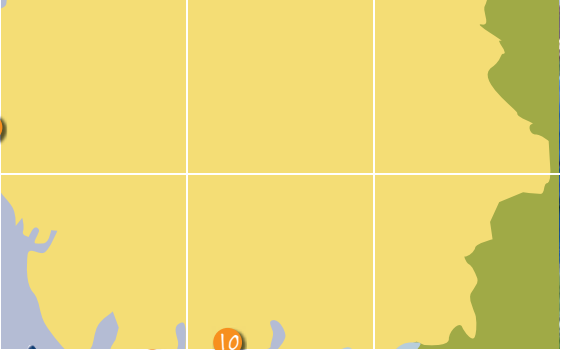
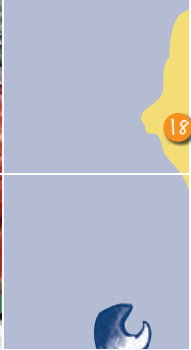
These handy green spaces have grown from within their local communities, and there are a lot to choose from! Each has its own distinctive flavour and appeal that reflects its local environment. This map is here to help you dig them out.

There's also a huge range of volunteering opportunities: get into gardening, composting or animal care - or help less able members of the community to enjoy these activities. Some farms and gardens run training courses with recognised qualifications as well.

So get digging!

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Please note that many city farms are closed on Mondays. Always telephone before hand if you are planning a group visit.

Entry is free unless otherwise stated. However, city farms and community gardens run on very tight budgets and donations are most appreciated.

Whilst care has been taken to ensure the accuracy of this information, the Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens cannot be held responsible for any errors.

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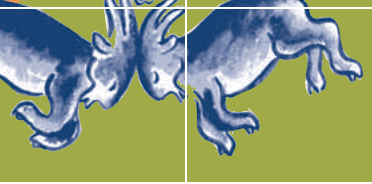
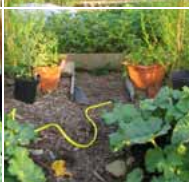
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## 1 Acorn Venture Urban Farm

A four hectare city farm with a range of livestock, a play area, picnic area and woodland walk. The shop sells home-produced free range meat, dairy goods and a selection of souvenirs. Book in advance for guided tours, pony rides and riding for the disabled. On-site car parking.

**Facilities:** Toilets, hand washing, entrance fee, café, shop/things for sale, children's play area, picnic site, wildlife garden, animals on site, holiday activities, volunteering opportunities.

**Open:** Daily 10am-4pm.

**Directions:** Take the A580 from J4 of the M57, following the brown tourist signs.

**Bus:** No 123 from Kirkby Town Centre to Moss End Way.

**Contact:** Acorn Venture Farm, Depot Road, Kirkby, Liverpool L33 3AR. t. 0151 546 1524

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## 2 Blacon Adventure Playground

Blacon Adventure Playground provides a supervised, creative and imaginative play environment for children of all ages. Popular throughout the year, it has a variety of animals onsite and is Chester's only town farm. Come and explore!

**Facilities:** Toilets, hand washing, covered areas/s, shop/things for sale, children's play area, wildlife area, animals on site, holiday activities, volunteering opportunities.

**Open:** Children under 8 years. Weekdays 11am-7pm, weekends 10am-6pm (must be accompanied by a responsible adult), open to children over 8 years weekdays from 3.30pm onwards; school/group visits by arrangement.

**Directions:** Bus: Nos 2, 2a, 2e.

**Train:** Chester Railway Station.

**Contact:** Blacon Adventure Playground, Kipling Road, Blacon, Chester CH1 5UU. t. 01244 371 129/07778 473 006

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## 3 Bolton Community Food Project

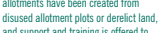
All over Bolton, local groups of all ages and backgrounds are getting together to grow their own fresh fruit and vegetables. A number of community allotments have been created from disused allotment plots or derelict land, and support and training is offered to volunteers on food growing, wildlife gardening and community composting.

**Facilities:** Toilets, hand washing, covered areas/s, children's play area, wildlife garden, holiday activities, volunteering opportunities.

**Open:** Ring Wildlife Trust for details (see below).

**Directions:** Ring Wildlife Trust for details (see below).

**Contact:** Bolton Community Food Project, The Wildlife Trust for Lancashire, Manchester and North Merseyside, 125 Blackburn Road, Bolton BL1 0HF.



## 4 Brookhouse Allotments Community Garden and Composting Project

A community composting and compost demonstration site with a variety of commercial and DIY containers including wormeries and Bokashi. There's also a communal vegetable growing area with raised beds and large containers, opportunities for personal mini plots and advice and assistance with growing.

**Facilities:** Wildlife garden, volunteering opportunities.

**Open:** By arrangement.

**Directions:** Brookhouse Allotments, Brookhouse Drive, Crewe, Cheshire. **Contact:** c/o Bunbury Greenway, Rowan Cottage, Bunbury Common, Bunbury, Nr Tarporley, Cheshire CW6 9DD t. 01829 260 114

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## 5 A Day Project

A community allotment project to promote health and well-being through food growing activities. Working mainly with schools, mental health and youth offending teams, the project already has two plots up and growing, with a further plot planned for 2005 with raised beds, a toilet and a tool shed.

**Facilities:** Toilets, hand washing, shop/things for sale, volunteering opportunities.

**Open:** Dawn to dusk.

**Directions:** David Slack Allotments, Newton Drive, Blackpool. **Contact:** Leisure Development Centre, Stanley Park Office, West Park Drive, Blackpool FY3 9HY t. 01253 478 012

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## 6 Friends of Blackley Forest

A local community group established to aid further development of the 40 hectare Blackley Forest. Volunteers undertake practical tasks within the forest, including building disabled access ramps and raised boardwalks and wildflower and hawthorn hedge planting.

**Facilities:** Wildlife garden, volunteering opportunities.

**Open:** Open access.

**Directions:** Blackley Forest, Blackley New Road, Manchester. **Contact:** c/o Bunbury Greenway, Rowan Cottage, Bunbury Common, Bunbury, Nr Tarporley, Cheshire CW6 9DD t. 01829 260 114

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## 7 Burnley Community Farm

A brand new community farm at an exciting stage of development. Plans include developing a centre for environmental education that provides education and training in food growing, animal husbandry, woodland management, renewable energy technology, recreation and tourism.

**Open:** The farm is not yet open to the public.

**Directions:** Oswald Street Coal Yard, Oswald Street, Burnley. **Bus:** All buses from Burnley Bus Station to Nelson/Colne, alight at Prestige Park/Thursley Gardens. **Train:** Burnley Central Station. **Contact:** Area Renewal Information Centre, 51 Daneshouse Road, Burnley BB10 1AT. t. 01282 664 482/1/0

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## 8 Conishead Priory Gardens - Manjushri Buddhist Centre

The 50 acres of gardens at Conishead Priory feature a wildlife garden, a meditation garden, a stunning temple garden plus woodland walks down to the coast.

**Facilities:** Toilets, seasonal café, shop/things for sale, wildlife garden, volunteering opportunities.

**Open:** Dawn to dusk.

**Directions:** By car take 136 of the M6 to Barrow-in-Furness. At Ulverston take the A5087 to Bardsea; the Centre is on the left after 2 miles.

**Train:** Ulverston Railway Station then a 30 minute walk.

**Contact:** Conishead Priory Gardens - Manjushri Buddhist Centre, Priory Road, Ulverston, Cumbria LA12 9QQ. t. 01229 584 029

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**w. www.manjushri.org**

## 9 Grange-over-Sands Community Orchard

Established in 1997 to redress the loss of many of the local area's orchards over the years. It is managed by The Grange Civic Society, with volunteers responsible for the several different varieties of apple trees and the wildlife habitat.

**Facilities:** Covered area/s, picnic site, volunteering opportunities.

**Open:** Open access.

**Directions:** Newborough Lodge, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria LA11 7AR. **Contact:** 1 Seawood Place, Kents Bank, Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria LA11 7AR. t. 01229 584 029



## 10 Grange-over-Sands and Ribbleson Park and Ribbleson Park Community Gardens

Gardens in both parks are landscaped to incorporate growing areas for vegetables. Both have environmental and educational gardening programmes and hold events for the public, including fruit picking, bulb planting, sunflower growing competitions and pumpkin parties.

**Facilities:** Toilets, hand washing, children's play area, wildlife garden, holiday activities, volunteering opportunities.

**Open:** Dawn to dusk.

**Directions:** David Slack Allotments, Newton Drive, Blackpool. **Contact:** Leisure Development Centre, Stanley Park Office, West Park Drive, Blackpool FY3 9HY t. 01253 478 012

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## 13 The Garden Gate Association

A developing allotment garden situated on the banks of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal.

**Facilities:** Volunteering opportunities Open: By arrangement.

**Directions:** Coates Estate, Avin Drive, Barnoldswick, Nr Colne, Lancashire. **Contact:** Barnoldswick Youth and Community Centre, Station Road, Barnoldswick, Colne, Lancashire BB18 5NA. t. 01282 817 036

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**Open:** Open access.



## 16 Haddock's Wood Allotments

Haddock's Wood Allotments have gone from strength to strength and now benefit from an on site shop, communal growing area, orchard and pond. A wildlife habitat is currently under construction, plans for which include a willow coppice, habitat plots, bird and bat boxes, insect housing and an outside learning zone.

**Facilities:** Toilets, hand washing, shop/things for sale, wildlife garden, volunteering opportunities.

**Open:** By arrangement.

**Directions:** Haddock's Wood Allotments, Hallon's Healthy Living Project, Runcorn Town Hall, Heath Road, Runcorn, Cheshire WA7 5DT. t. 0151 424 261 ext 418

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## 17 Hattersley Community Garden

Recently awarded a Green Pennant, the garden began life in 1998 with the aim of providing a focus for community activity. Popular visitor attractions include the pond, chickens, rabbits, picnic area and recycling centre. The garden produces vegetables, shrubs and bedding plants.

**Facilities:** Toilets, hand washing, covered area/s, shop/things for sale, picnic site, wildlife garden, animals on site, volunteering opportunities.

**Open:** Spring/summer weekdays 9am-3pm, Saturday 10am-12pm, Sunday 10.30am-2.30pm.

**Directions:** From Manchester/Stockport, follow M67 to the end. Turn right at the roundabout, then first right into Underwood Road. Take the third turning to the left into Hattersley Road West. The garden is situated about 1/2 mile further, on the right. **Bus:** Nos 201, 211, 238, 397. **Train:** Stiposited from Hattersley Station. **Contact:** Hattersley Community Garden, Hattersley Road West, Hattersley, Hyde, Cheshire SK14 3NU. t. 0161 342 6767

**e. jryen@groundwork.org.uk**

## 18 Helping our Environment Communal Garden

Pending a successful funding bid, this proposed communal garden in the middle of an estate of 135 houses will support a food co-op, bulk seed and plant purchases, members' tool bank, skills swap scheme, community composting scheme, training opportunities and school link facility, supplemented with various seasonal activities.

**Facilities:** Volunteering opportunities. **Open:** By arrangement.

**Directions:** 23 Greenbank Avenue, Greenbank, Whitehaven, Cumbria CA28 9DX. t. 01946 816 576/01946 693 960

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## 19 Heart of Orrell Community Garden

Based at the Hub Nub Centre, the garden is open to all members of the community and offers horticultural training courses, disabled access, a herb garden and quiet area. All are welcome.

**Facilities:** Toilets, hand washing, children's play area, volunteering opportunities.

**Open:** Weekdays 9am-4pm or by arrangement.

**Directions:** Contact: 215 Linacre Lane, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6AD. t. 0151 530 0445

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## 20 Grisedale Community Garden

A community garden in the town of Alston providing a quiet oasis and picnic area for everyone, especially the elderly residents of Grisedale Croft.

**Facilities:** Wildlife garden, picnic site, volunteering opportunities.

**Open:** Daily. **Directions:** Access from Grisedale Croft Car Park. **Contact:** Grisedale Croft, Church Road, Alston, Cumbria CA9 3QS. t. 01282 817 036

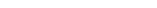
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**Open:** By arrangement.

**Directions:** Haddock's Wood Allotments, Hallon's Healthy Living Project, Runcorn Town Hall, Heath Road, Runcorn, Cheshire WA7 5DT. t. 0151 424 261 ext 418



## 22 Heaton Park Allotments

A major redevelopment project at Heaton Park has seen the construction of a purpose built centre and the restoration of most of its historical buildings and landscapes. Farm tours and educational based activities are provided.

**Facilities:** Toilets, hand washing, covered area/s, café, children's play area, picnic site, wildlife area, animals on site, holiday activities, volunteering opportunities.

**Open:** Easter to September 9am-6pm, October to Easter 9am-4pm.

**Directions:** By car take J19 of the M60, Car parks at Sheepsfoot Lane and St Margaret's Road (off Burn Old Road). **Train:** Heaton Park Metro Station. **Contact:** Heaton Park General Office, Prestwich, Manchester M25 2SW. t. 0161 773 1085

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## 23 Hulme Community Garden Centre

Visit and enjoy the show gardens, purchase plants from the extensive organically-raised plant nursery, gain inspiration, take advantage of opportunities to volunteer and expand your knowledge of gardening and environmental issues.

**Facilities:** Toilets, hand washing, covered area/s, wildlife garden, volunteering opportunities.

**Open:** Tuesday to Saturday April to September, December 11am-6pm. All other times 10am-5pm, closed Mondays and January.

**Directions:** 28 Old Birley Street, Hulme, Manchester. **Bus:** Nos 86, 53. **Train:** Manchester Oxford Road, Deansgate 0.15 miles, Piccadilly 0.75 miles. **Contact:** Claremont Centre, Ralls Crescent, Hulme, Manchester M15 5FS. t. 0161 226 5565

**e. info@hulmegardencentre.org.uk**

**w. www.hulmegardencentre.org.uk**

## 24 Marbury Country Park Community Orchard

A community orchard tucked away in a peaceful area of Marbury Country Park. Relax on the specially made carved bench that catches the sun.

**Facilities:** Toilets, hand washing, children's play area, picnic site. **Directions:** Open: Park is open access; car park open summer 9am-8pm, winter 9am-5pm. **Train:** Northwich Station (2 miles). **Bus:** Nos 45, 46. **Train:** Northwich Station (2 miles). **Contact:** Marbury Country Park, Comberbach, Northwich, Cheshire CW9 6AT. t. 01666 77741

**e. marbury@cheshire.gov.uk**

**w. www.northwichcommunitywoodlands.org.uk**

## 25 Morecambe Healthy Living Centre Community Allotment

Situated in Morecambe's West End, the allotment is a free, informal space where members of the local community can relax, chat and learn about growing vegetables.

**Facilities:** Hand washing, covered area/s, volunteering opportunities. **Open:** By arrangement.

**Directions:** Devonshire Road Allotment Site, Morecambe, Lancashire. **Contact:** Healthy Living Centre, 37 Yorkshire Street, Morecambe, Lancashire LA3 10F. t. 01524 425 531/413 064

**e. hlc@morecambehc.bcf.co.uk**

## 26 Kewington Cultural Gardens

Keen supporters of the 5 a Day Project, Kewington Cultural Gardens promotes healthy eating through growing organic vegetables. Future plans include planting up green spaces within the local community, providing garden assistance for elderly and disabled tenants and developing an alternative technology area with a windmill, water wheel and solar panels.

**Facilities:** Toilets, hand washing, picnic site, holiday activities, volunteering opportunities.

**Open:** Monday to Sunday 10am-4pm, children's garden club Saturday 11am-1pm, Sunday 1pm-4pm. Adults and special needs garden club Thursday 10am-12pm. **Bus:** Nos 1, 2, 17, 18, 20, 62, 92, 102. **Train:** Fazakerley Station. **Contact:** 23 Kewington Way, Fazakerley, Liverpool L10 9JL. t. 0151 530 1936

**e. r.moreton@3tc4u.net**

## 27 Learning Through Allotments

A range of community gardens and allotments in North Burnley. Some sites are cultivated and growing, whilst others, including a community courtyard garden at the new Healthy Living Centre, are still under construction. The project also works closely with Burnley Food Links and Burnley Community Farm.

**Facilities:** Toilets, hand washing, café, volunteering opportunities.

**Open:** By arrangement. **Directions:** Contact for details. **Contact:** c/o Healthy Living Centre, Hurley Street, Burnley BB10 1BY. t. 01282 657 395



## 28 Pinhole Community Farm

This developing community farm welcomes everyone to visit the animals, including pygmy goats, Shetland ponies, ducks and hens. It aims to support curricular based learning across all key stages in local schools.

**Facilities:** Toilets, hand washing, covered area/s, café, shop/things for sale, picnic site, animals on site, volunteering opportunities.

**Open:** By arrangement.

**Directions:** School Lane, off Pinhole Road, Burn, Lancashire. **Bus:** Any bus from Burn to Rochdale and Heywood. Get off at Rochdale Road and walk down Pinhole Road to the farm. **Facilities:** Toilets, hand washing, children's play area, picnic site. **Directions:** 91 Chesham Fold Road, Burn, Lancashire BL9 6JZ. t. 0161 763 9599

## 29 Rice Lane City Farm

Situated in Walton Park Cemetery, Rice Lane is a haven for wildlife with open fields, a farmyard and woodland site among the houses. Livestock includes a donkey, cattle, pigs, a pony, rabbits and poultry, with goats and sheep grazing around the graves to keep them tidy.

**Facilities:** Toilets, hand washing, entrance fee for school/group bookings, covered area/s, seasonal café, picnic site, wildlife garden, animals on site, holiday activities, volunteering opportunities.

**Open:** Daily summer 9.30am-4.30pm, winter 9.30am-3.30pm. **Directions:** Ravcliffe Road is off the A55 in Walton. **Bus:** All buses from Liverpool City Centre to Kirkby. **Train:** Merseyrail to Rice Lane or Walton Railway Station then a 2 minute walk. **Contact:** No 2 Lodge, Walton Park Cemetery, Walton, Liverpool L9 1AW. t. 0151 530 1066

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## 30 St. Edwards C.E. Primary School Garden

A five year old school garden cultivated by pupils and parent volunteers as organically as possible. Contains a garden for disabled people, pond, orchard and experimental compost heaps. Part of the site is watered via a wind turbine/photo voltaic cell system.

**Facilities:** Toilets, hand washing, covered area/s, café, things for sale, picnic site, volunteering opportunities.

**Open:** Weekdays 10am-3pm, weekends 9am-12pm. **Directions:** The allotments are located on Walnut Avenue just off Willow Street. By car take 12 of the M6. **Bus:** No 479. **Contact:** 10a Walnut Avenue, Burny BL5 9TOR. t. 0161 797 1221

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## 31 Walnut Avenue Allotment Association Horticultural Training & Resource Centre

A working allotment garden where people can learn about the benefits of growing their own food. The community allotment garden plays hosts to local schools throughout the year.

**Facilities:** Toilets, hand washing, covered area/s, café, things for sale, picnic site, volunteering opportunities.

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