

## Benefits of Adopt-A-Garden

*“A person gets their garden ‘adopted’ and ideally shares in some of the produce.*


*The aim is for families to reduce their shopping bills and to gain the experience and satisfaction of cooking and eating homegrown produce. We particularly welcome young people who are just starting up home.*

*Anyone over the age of 16 can join the scheme. People under 16 can take part with their parents or carers.”*

Don Roe of The Footprint Trust

## Set up your own scheme

A free report is available about Adopt-A-Garden, which gives guidance on how to set up your own local scheme. If you would like to set up a scheme in another part of the UK or in another country please contact Ray:

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## want to know more?

To find out more about Adopt-A-Garden on the Isle of Wight please contact The Footprint Trust.

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# ADOPT-A-GARDEN™

## Can you dig it?

Want a free  
growing  
space near  
you?



The Footprint Trust's Adopt-A-Garden scheme was launched on the Isle of Wight in 2008 and has matched over 50 people. This has enabled elderly people to have a part of their gardens tended and given others a place to grow vegetables for their families.

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across generations.

There are many people on the Island with a small garden, or no garden at all, who would like a growing space.

Some of these form the 300+ names on the Isle of Wight Council's waiting list for an allotment.



## Donate

If you would like to give a donation towards the Isle of Wight Adopt-A-Garden project then please contact us.

*For example, £40 matches an elderly garden owner with a gardener.*

Plus The Footprint Trust is a registered charity so we can claim back Gift Aid on your donation.

*This scheme receives no funding from the IW Council.*

## How the scheme works

The Adopt-A-Garden scheme matches would-be gardeners with people who own too much garden, preferably living close to each other. The garden owner allows the gardener to use a part of their garden to grow food or flowers, and in return, that part of their garden is cared for.

The gardener may wish to share some of their produce with the owner, or help to keep another part of the garden looking nice, but this is not a condition of the scheme.

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## Rules

Rules are kept to a minimum.

- There must be access to the garden without going through the house.
- No money changes hands.
- There should be a minimum of six weeks notice to end the agreement.
- All of the people involved will undergo a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check or hold a current one (we accept portability in line with CRB guidelines). There is no charge for this from the CRB as all those involved are volunteers.



[www.crb.gov.uk](http://www.crb.gov.uk)



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