SOCIAL ASPECTS OF URBAN GARDENING



Image 1. The GO2 Project ,Norwich



Image 2. The 'Sustainable Seed Swap'

URBAN GARDENS IN: ENGLAND

Within England, and the rest of the UK, 'allotments' have become synonymous with public food growing practices, particularly in urban areas. There is a huge demand for allotments in the England, and the UK, with an average waiting list of 57 people fro every 100 plots in the UK. Even in times of economic difficulties, investment in allotment creation has positive feedback as it helps support local building trade, supports local and regional economies and promotes healthy eating and living.

The GO2 Project in Norwich

The GO2 project is located in Norwich, Norfolk. The project primarily focuses on participants growing fruit and vegetables, but it also promotes ideas of sharing, reusing and recycling resources, connecting to nature and developing a sense of community, all of which are vital for sustainable development. The GO2 project aims to improve the understanding of the relationship between individuals' consumption and the carrying capacity of the Earth. The project uses education to promote environmentally friendly methods of growing produce. The project also provides equipment, seeds, tools, help and advice as part of the initial sign up fee. It allows first-time growers to be given smaller plots and be teamed up with more experienced allotment holders so that they are able to learn from them and receive help and advice



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