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# Supporting community cohesion by creating sustainable neighbourhoods

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Co-creating thriving green spaces with  
tenants and landlords

Garden Organic  
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# Growing Sustainable Communities

Garden Organic is the UK's leading organic growing charity and has been at the forefront of the sustainable horticultural movement since 1958. Through a range of activities and advice, we encourage people to grow in the most sustainable way.

We love nothing more than working with communities to create neighbourhoods that are kind to the environment and where people are proud to live. From supporting the co-creation of a shared garden to training volunteer champions to lead growing and sustainable waste management activities within their neighbourhoods, we are experts in bringing diverse communities together.

We have seen time and time again that our approach of volunteer-led, peer-to-peer support, unites people to achieve a common aim of improving their health and that of their local environment.

Through the simple act of designing, creating and caring for an organic garden, we can support your residents to create a place that they enjoy spending time in, that they share ownership of and that they are proud to call their home.



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## The Benefits to your Community

- Improved biodiversity & natural recovery
- Reduced social isolation
- Tenants actively contribute to their homes
- Increased time outdoors
- Enhanced self-confidence
- Staff & residents learn as they work
- Improved mental and physical wellbeing
- Increased pride in surroundings
- Reduced antisocial behaviour
- Supporting Net Zero targets
- Increased environmental awareness
- Fresh fruit and veg to cook and eat

## Our Approach

We offer a range of services that can be selected in isolation or as a full package

### 1. Consultation, site survey, and advice

Garden Organic can provide a site assessment taking into account location, existing habitats/wildlife, existing land use, soil type, topography, natural sunlight, drainage, etc. In addition, we will provide a face-to-face and/or online co-design session with tenants and staff to establish their aims and ambitions for the space available. This process will determine the outcomes for the project and the impact you and your tenants wish to have on the community, land, and wildlife as well as act as a guide for the production of a 'road map' to develop the garden project.

### 2. Garden design

We can provide a professional, co-designed garden layout, involving staff and tenants. We will follow the specification and budget to co-create a space that everyone feels a sense of ownership of.

### 3. Installation

According to the recommendations outlined in the site assessment and garden design stages, we can help with the installation of the garden. Our input will vary depending on the needs of you and your tenants however where possible we will engage all stakeholders in creating the space and any future ongoing maintenance.



### 4. Training, support, and engagement

It is important that any space developed continues to provide benefits for tenants and biodiversity in years to come. To enable this we offer appropriate training and support to build the knowledge, skills, and confidence of those involved in the project, both staff and tenants.

From short online practical growing sessions for beginners and bespoke training to estates team to a fully supported volunteer-based programme with dedicated staff, we will work with you to develop a package completely appropriate to your setting and needs.

### 5. Impact, monitoring, and evaluation

Through an appropriate level of monitoring, we will provide you with an ongoing evaluation of the impact that your project has on your business priorities and residents, including environmental biodiversity and resident satisfaction.

**For an informal chat about these services or your specific requirements, please contact us by calling Colette Bond on 024 7630 3517 or email [cbond@gardenorganic.org.uk](mailto:cbond@gardenorganic.org.uk)**

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I appreciated my garden much more during the pandemic. I realised that I wasn't using my garden to its full potential. These 10 weekly sessions are a learning curve for me and I am already becoming more confident in making better use of my own garden.

The sessions with Garden Organic are practical and fun. We learn and enjoy as we get our hands dirty. I'm fortunate to be a member of such a welcoming, easy going and helpful group.

Barcud's new development at Creuddyn is a great location for these sessions and we are made so welcome. As we gain more confidence and get to know each other and work as a team, we're even using our gardening skills to improve the gardens at Creuddyn.

Rhys, garden workshop attendee.

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