

Funders, Partners and Supporters

Over the years, Sutton Community Farm has been grateful to receive support from a number of people and organisations. We would like to thank them for their support in helping create a vibrant, beautiful farm that has become a vital resource for the community.

Current Funders



Power to Change Community Business Fund is supporting our VegBox scheme to grow, funding core revenue costs in 2017/18.



The James Trust is enabling us to expand and enhance our work with people in our community who have learning difficulties.



City Bridge Trust are supporting us to deliver our volunteering programme, Buddy Volunteering and educational activities (2016-2019). The Trust are also supporting us to grow our VegBox scheme and prepare ourselves for social investment opportunities through the Stepping Stones fund (2017-2018).



Ernest Cook Trust helped us to establish an accredited apprenticeship scheme in 2013-14 and are continuing their support of the scheme for 2018.



Sutton Community Fund is a local fund that supports projects benefiting Sutton residents and meet the Council's priorities. Their contribution helped us to build a compost toilet in 2015, and an outdoor kitchen in 2012-13. In 2018 the Fund is supporting costs towards our new barn build.



The Elizabeth Creak Charitable Trust are supporting our Apprenticeship programme and barn build in 2017/18.



Thames Valley Housing Association Community Chest is supporting us to run Grow-Cook-Eat workshops with local school children in 2017/18.



Postcode Local Trust is helping to improve biodiversity and community composting on our site 2016-2018.



Growing Together is helping with advice to help secure our land and lease for the future.



Susila Dharma International are providing funding for a marquee to provide vital storage and packing space whilst we build our new barn.

Sylvia Waddilove Charitable Foundation and Frank Litchfield Charitable Trust are funding capital infrastructure costs in 2017/18.

Supporters



Reed Business Information are a local business that have supported us from the very beginnings of the farm. Groups of willing volunteers help in the fields throughout the year, and we have received generous donations to enable us to buy our electric van, donate fresh produce to Sutton Food Bank and to support our Sutton People's Kitchen project.



Subsea 7 are a local business that have supported us for many years. Groups of willing volunteers have come to help us out in the fields, and we have received generous donations to enable us to buy our electric van and donate fresh fruit and veg to SCILL.



We are working with OptimoRoute to streamline our routes and make sure we deliver our produce as fresh as possible to our VegBox customers.



Luckies supported us in 2015/16 by generously sponsoring our returnable jute bags. Groups of willing volunteers have also come to help us out in the fields.

Partners



BioRegional

Our farm was a project initiated by environmental charity Bioregional and an outcome from a borough-wide initiative called One Planet Food. Bioregional continues to support the farm through friendly advice and volunteering parties.



Orchard Hill College is a non-residential specialist college offering educational opportunities for students over 16 years with severe, profound and complex learning difficulties and disabilities. A number of learners regularly undertake work experience on a voluntary weekly basis. Learners have the opportunity to develop many core skills in a safe, natural, community environment. Our partnership dates back to the beginnings of the farm in 2010.



EcoLocal is a local charity that develops and delivers a broad range of environmental sustainability services designed to help people move toward more pro-environmental behaviours.



Good Energy provide us with 100% renewable energy.

Past Funders



The Community Shares Booster Programme enabled us to launch a second community share offer in 2017. Monies raised were match funded and we benefited from grant support to help us with preparations for the share issue.



Beddington Community Fund funded our new walk-in fridge in 2017.



The Mayor of London's Team London programme supported the launch of our Buddy Volunteering programme, helping increase the number of volunteers we supported at the farm (2014-16).



The Tudor Trust helps smaller, community-led groups which support people at the margins of society. Support from the Tudor Trust provided a vital contribution towards managing our volunteer programme in 2014-15.



The London Community Foundation helped us facilitate community volunteering days at the farm and run Buddy Training sessions in 2014/15 and 2016/17.



Big Potential helped us to transition to a community owned enterprise. Funding strengthened our governance and enabled us to launch our first share offer in 2015. We were also able to invest in our VegBox scheme, improving systems and tackling operational challenges to position ourselves for growth.



Naturesave is an insurance provider that has strong ethical and environmental standards. The Naturesave Trust contributed towards farm equipment in 2013 and 2016.



Greggs Foundation supported our composting project, helping to get vulnerable adults more empowered and involved on site.



Growing Livelihoods was an initiative from the Carnegie Trust and Plunkett Foundation to test and promote new opportunities in smaller-scale food growing for those new to the sector. This supported the launch of our FarmStart pilot project in 2014/15.



The Co-operative Membership Community Fund kindly awarded some capital funding towards a small polytunnel, tables and other kitchen equipment in 2014.



Big Lottery's Local Food programme provided vital funds to help start the farm in 2012-14. The fund contributed towards a range of activities from healthy eating sessions, improving local food procurement and setting up the farm.



Veolia Environmental Trust supported improvements to habitats and biodiversity on the farm in 2013.