The Organic and Allotment Gardening Course

Welcome to the newest incarnation of the Organic and Allotment Course. Versions of this course have been run in Bristol for over 25 years. It is non-certificated, just for pleasure and knowing how to grow your own food.

Starting in January, it is designed to follow the growing season up to the first harvests and each session consists of classroom-based theory and practical work.

The theory is in the Community Room at St Werburgh’s City Farm, 9.30-11.30am, with a brief break in the middle. The practical will be on a nearby allotment plot, 11.30am-12.30pm.

You don’t need an allotment to do the course: the information is easily transferable.

You will learn how to look after fruit trees and bushes and how to grow a complete range of vegetables. There are lots of organic techniques including composting, soil care, green manures, companion planting and pest and disease control.

Some handouts will be provided but it would be useful to make your own notes, so bring along a pen and paper. Also, because the practical part will be on an allotment, bring suitable clothing and footwear. Most tools will be provided apart from pruning equipment. More details will be provided.

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