



Incredible Edible News

TODMORDEN

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This little piggy - This little piggy is one of Pilka's pigs. Yes, darling, that is where bacon comes from: on a local farm last winter. And it's a reminder that being Incredible is about bringing home the bacon - we want to help encourage local farming and business to thrive. Our website's local food section features producers retailers and cafes who provide local food. And our very existence has encouraged visitors to Tod in 'vegetable tourism' - inspiring them to replicate ideas in their respective hometowns.



Pilka's Pigs amidst the winter snows



Shhh!



At Walsden - it's been a hive of activity throughout July. There's been busy bankers, a 'dreaded duckman', truck tyre plant-a-thons and the first ever school visit – with a warm welcome to students from Meadows School in Littleborough. Potting cabbages in various composts and making clover wine (alcohol *free* we stress) was on the curriculum for the day. Beats double Algebra!

Zut Alors! Said this French visitor

Speaking of education, Todmorden High School have something to shout about after storming the Food4Life awards earlier this month and scooping silver and impressing celebrity foodie Stefan Gates. On the Learning Plate when the Learning group met in July in the wonderful Walsden polytunnel they shared notes on exciting developments come September - from weekly visits from the high school to a whole programme of adult learning that we've just got funded for. Viva la revolution



Say cauliflower cheeeese?



The Learning group meets in Poly (tunnel)



*And the HSBC bankers give us
some bonus time*



Just fantastic -

TV gardener Christine Walkden was impressed by our friends in Incredible Edible Rossendale: "This is just fantastic, lovely healthy crops, people's spirit



when you come through the gates is terrific," she said. "It's great to see people engaged with gardening in a way we may not have done for many years."

We've been exchanging visits with people on the Wirral this year and now Incredible Edible Hoylake is under way. Maybe Germany could be next? We certainly interested visitors from our twin town Bramsche in the whole idea. Pam Warhust has been passing on the message to Transition Bath - and in even higher places, to some prince or other, Charles, is that his name? He mentions us in a video, we hear.



*Our visiting friends
from Bramsche*



The quiet work goes on - Now the buzz about getting Peoples Millions money for local group Bee Credible has died down, the quiet work goes on. At our Walsden site, local enthusiasts have stocked our hives. And our volunteers have planted veg ready for winter. Back in the town of Todmorden, new guerilla gardeners have set up a raised bed- where there should be the nice tidy rubble that's proposed to be a new Sainsbury's.





Guerilla gardening



New blood. Every campaign needs new ideas and new blood. Herbalist Sue Goodwin joined us late last year and now helps out in the apothecary garden and adds to the website our excellent herb of the month: read about hedge groundwort, or if you missed last month's feature about Elder, re-cap online. We welcome new volunteers: local egg enthusiasts are our latest call-out. And you don't always have to get your hands dirty: here at Newsletter HQ Natalie is a new co-editor of these very words, and creator of the PDF printable version that will soon be on the website. Welcome Natalie!



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