



Incredible Edible
TODMORDEN

News

Growing and campaigning for local food.

Here's our **October 2009** bulletin. Sorry if it's late: editor was on holiday (from his brain).

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HARVEST FESTIVAL TIME - It was our second harvest festival on September 27th at the Unitarian Church. Lots of people brought produce. There were spicy potatoes, yummy pancakes, vegetable critters, soup and stew from Tony the chef at Todmorden High - plus speeches and songs from Calder Valley Voices (who included a tenor from our [website hosts](#), cheers Iain!). [Full details and more pics here](#). (Display pictured right; extra pic of school prize-winners second right) Actually we'd all been limbering up the week before, when we were at the heart of the [Todmorden Station Gala](#).



FARMING TODAY GOES INCREDIBLE - The Halifax Courier [says we reaped what we sowed](#) at the Festival. Hm, we think they meant that in a good way. Plus we got a brief mention in [The Guardian](#), on [Direct Action Station](#) (who renamed co-founder Pam Warhurst with an extra m for Warmhurst, yes we like that), and Pam and Mary Clear featured on Farming Today (sorry, it's too late to catch it on iPlayer). We received, too, more intellectual scrutiny in two places. Charlotte Lee-Wolff of Imperial College London used us as a case study of how community-based action can contribute to sustainable development in food production: [read the summary or the full thesis here](#). And [blogger Julian Dobson](#) kindly quoted our entire front page statement of our philosophy in ruminating on whether you can sort out poverty with plum trees or raise children with chard.



grow their own? [Check it out here](#). Well, we don't think it has to be so. We've carried on insinuating our let's-do-it ideas into local and wider life. [Our library went all Incredible](#). Our friends in social landlord Pennine Housing are getting a [gardening-for-health coordinator](#), courtesy of the NHS, to work with Edible Pennine. Our local adult ed centre is running [a course on hen husbandry](#). Artist and former Tod High School pupil Sarah Yates sent us the beautiful pictures (sample left, [many more here](#)) of the murals she helped pupils make in the summer at the entrance to their school garden, inspired by the Incredible idea. And our very own Rick, alias Nick, was visited by a real Rick (with me so far?) - [Richard Reynolds](#), guerilla gardener extraordinaire, to check out where we're up to. If you don't already know his website and blog it's a regular treasure

trove: [here it is](#).



GROWING GROWING GROWING - Meanwhile things keep growing and growing . Not just trees and veg but interest, enthusiasm and generosity. Check out Nick's blogs [here](#) and [here](#) to see how we've been offered land - woodchip by the Council - fruit and soil from people's own gardens - and blimey, five grand from Northern Gas Networks for a pipeline to progress, well, the money to plant up the garden around the Health Centre with edibles!

And we're always keeping an eye out for small miracles. Here's one, pictured on the left: the first cranberries in the garden of Ferney Lee old people's home we planted in March. How rewarding is that? - Well done to Nick and all the volunteers.

Come to our first national conference on Saturday November 14th in Todmorden. [Register here](#).

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