



Gardening/Allotments/Conservation

Relax and enjoy the fresh air in safe environments. Learn how to grow things in this part of the UK. The following groups offer free opportunities for both men and women. In most cases, bus fares can be reclaimed. Contact the named people to find out more. An allotment is a garden area, owned by Bradford Council but leased to an organisation or individual.

Bees Conservation Group

YMCA Culture Fusion Building, 125 Thornton Road BD1 2EP

Seasonal tasks to help create and look after wildlife habitats throughout Bradford. Places we work at include, woodland, nature reserves, orchards, moorland, ponds, community centres etc. Tasks are varied and include tree and hedge planting and aftercare, pond work, orchards, wildflower meadows, seating, steps and other structures.

Task days run from 10.30-3.30. Refreshments are provided, but volunteers need to bring a packed lunch and wear suitable clothing. We have boots and waterproofs available to borrow. If you would like a lift in the minibus we leave Culture Fusion at 10am, or volunteers can meet us on site at 10.30.

Please get in touch if you would like to come along.

Contact: Phone: BEES 01274/371303 or email: bees@bradfordymca.org.uk. We are often off site so mobile numbers are: Nina McCormack 07583318539, or Amanda Smith 077970621732.

Bradford Refugee Allotment

Scotchman Road BD9 5DD. Opposite Margaret McMillan School car park.

Join us on Tuesdays (men and women). Come and meet people in a safe green space. Learn how to grow food and take home fresh, organic fruit and vegetables. Asylum Seekers and Refugees welcome. Bus fares may be paid.

Tuesdays 10:30-12:00

Contact Andy 07715/666243 or Dot 07986/698263

Horton Community Farm

Cecil Avenue Allotments BD7 3BW

Wooden gate for volunteer and Growing Together sessions. [Metal gate](#) for the Mindfulness Garden and Growing Hope.

2-week Social and Therapeutic Horticulture programme, Growing Hope, open to sanctuary seekers. Runs every Friday 11am-1pm women-only group, 2pm-4pm mixed-gender group. Free lunch and travel expenses reimbursed. Email growinghope@hcf.org.uk

Volunteer sessions open to all. Help provide local food, enhance an urban wildlife area, and improve the space for the community. See Volunteering tab on website – <https://hcf.org.uk/> - or email info@hcf.org.uk for further information. Sessions run every Wednesday and Friday, 9:30-15:00.

Mindfulness Garden courses open to those over 50 and carers of any age. Usually runs on a Thursday. Email mindfulness@hcf.org.uk

Growing Together sessions for 0-3s and their families, re-starting this winter. Email growingtogether@hcf.org.uk

Northcliffe Allotment Society

Northcliffe Park, BD18

NAS welcomes asylum-seekers and refugees. You can join the community gardening group on the first Saturday of each month 10:00-12:00 or be a partner with an allotment holder and work with them on their plot. No experience is necessary and travel expenses will be paid.

Contact: gardening_partners@outlook.com

Shine Gardening Club

St Stephen;s Church,Donisthorpe Street, West Bowling BD5 7BX

We offer a wide range of services including benefit advice, counselling, group sessions as well as gardening. English classes are available as well as a children's clothes bank. We can provide emergency food and run a pop-up pantry.

Contact: www.ShineWestBowling.org.uk

Woody and Lou 01274738490

woody@shinewestbowling.org.uk or lou@shinewestbowling.org.uk

West End Centre

St. Oswald's Church, Little Horton BD5 9DH

Welcomes asylum seekers and refugees who can use free internet, join activities, learn basic skills or become a volunteer. We run two gardening-related programmes:

Dig for Health and Wealth based at the community allotment at Sunny Bank a twenty-minute walk away. For both men and women.
Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00-14:00

Growing Together Project which includes planting wild flowers, guerrilla gardening, growing a green food bank.
Wednesdays 10:00-14:00

Contact via website www.thewestendcentrebradford.org.uk or

Christine on 07853/240809; email christine.westend@outlook.com or come to the centre.

Wibsey Community Gardens

Wibsey Park, Wibsey, BD6 3EY

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BOCS Ltd manages Wibsey Community Gardens in Wibsey Park. The gardens are just under three acres in size and include three polytunnels, raised beds, fruit orchards and bee hives. The gardens produce a wide variety of food, fruit, vegetables, salads, herbs and honey all organically grown. People are welcome to volunteer and take part in food growing. We are open Monday to Friday all year round. We can offer support with bus fares and with clothing and boots.

Contact Karen Hutchinson on 07966 164815