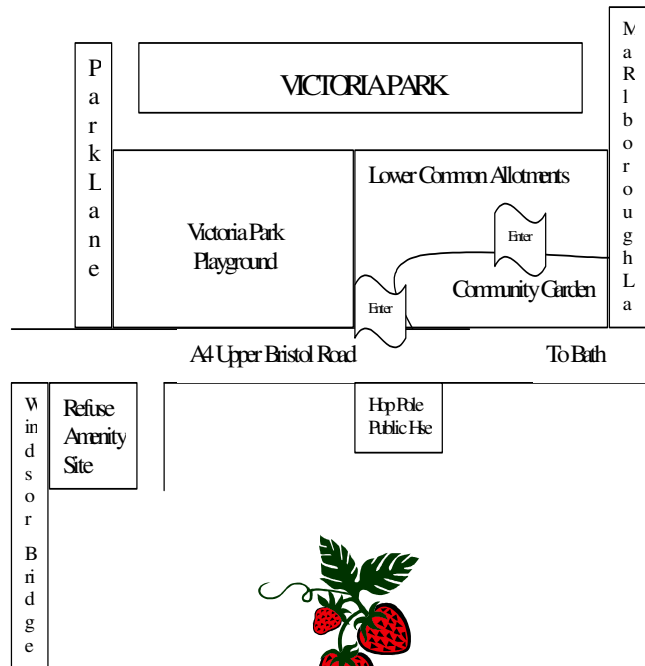


The organic garden was established in 1990 by volunteers using sustainable organic methods and is now a flourishing and diverse garden. It produces fruit and vegetables all year round for volunteers to both enjoy themselves and sell at Bath's Farmer's Market at Green Park Station. These sales and other small fundraising events help support running costs of the garden.

Features of the garden include:

- ☛ Wildlife pond with dipping platform
- ☛ A minibeast and rotters area
- ☛ A polytunnel to enable growth of out of season and more exotic produce
- ☛ A large range of fruit trees, including local varieties of apples as well as pears, plums, mulberries.
- ☛ A number of soft fruit bushes, including tayberries, raspberries, blackcurrants and redcurrants
- ☛ Numerous vegetable plots producing seasonal vegetables
- ☛ Compost area and an emphasis on sustainable and organic approaches to gardening



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Upper Bristol Road
Bath**

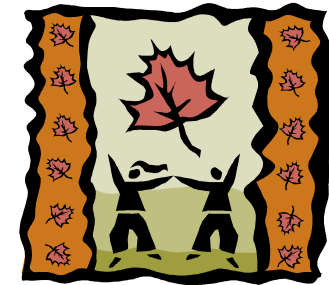
*Become a school member of
Bath Organic Group
and the
Henry Doubleday Research Association*

**Bath Organic Group
Community Garden**

**Educational
School Visits**

The Bath Organic Group Community Garden is a magical half-acre site located near the centre of Bath

It offers a valuable resource for the community, including local schools



A garden flourishing with organic fruit, vegetables, herbs, flowers and mini-beasts – that brings people together

*Affiliated to HDRA the organic organisation, Coventry;
The Soil Association, Bristol and
The Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens*

Suggested Seasonal Activities:

Late Summer/Autumn – September/ October

Discovering Apples

Apple tasting. Where do our apple trees come from? How and where do the fruit grow?

Why are they good for us to eat?

How many different varieties are there in the garden?

What other creatures like to eat apples?

What is National Apple Day?

Perfect Pumpkins

Stories about pumpkins – can you create a poem about squashes? How and where do these grow? Pumpkin recipes.

Wildlife in Winter

How bugs and beasts get ready for the cold and frosty winter? Where do hedgehogs, woodlice and snails snuggle down?



Spring/Summer- March to July

Plants

Hands-on fun exploring seeds and germination. Types of seeds – why they vary.

Where does your food come from – discovering vegetables as they grow in the garden?

Insect Industry

Pollinating insects – how they do their vital job and what would happen if they didn't?

Learn about butterflies, bees and more.

Suggested Activities Throughout the Seasons:

Minibeasts

Be a bug detective, find out about the habitats, life-cycles, diets, behaviour and importance of insects, worms and fungi in the environment.

Pond-dipping and observation

Who lives in the pond – plants, insects and algae? The life-cycle of frogs, damselflies and other pond-life.

Garden rotters

From bacteria to bugs and worms – nature's rotters and the wonders of composting.

Super soil – So what's in soil?

The world of the earthworm.

Fruit, Vegetables, Herbs and More

What do plants need to grow?

The structure of plants – roots stems and leaves. Plant diversity – leaf shapes and sizes – why do they matter?

Why do many plants and flowers smell...?



Organising Your Visit

The garden is open to school visits from March to October by arrangement

Volunteers will liaise with teaching staff to develop a safe, tailor-made programme of curriculum related activities for up to 30 children per visit

Interactive, hands-on activities in small groups. Resources including pond dipping equipment, containers and magnifying glasses can be provided

The garden would be grateful to receive a donation towards the cost of the school visit

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