

Welcome to Abundance Wimbledon

Saving Local Fresh Fruit and Vegetables

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About Us

- Part of a National Abundance Network started in Sheffield in 2007
- Joyce Pountain visited Abundance Chiswick in 2011
- Juliet and Joyce from Transition Town Wimbledon, Daphne from St Mark's Church, DeNica from Wimbledon Park Residents' Association and Jo from the John Innes Society Gardening Group got together to start an Abundance project in Wimbledon in 2011
- We are committed to rescuing local fruit and vegetables and distributing it (and the profits from our Fruit Day) to local Charities
- In 2020 we celebrate 10 years of rescuing local fruit and vegetables!



How it works

- Donors call/email us saying they have excess fruit and vegetables. These come from personal gardens and allotments
- We advise local coordinators
- Local Coordinators organise a team of pickers to collect the fruit
- Pickers and drivers drop fruit to:
 - Local Charities
 - Team of Jam, Chutney, Jelly and Cordial makers
- Jams, Chutneys, Jellies and Cordials are sold at our annual Fruit Day (September 19, 2020)
- We make donations to local charities at the end of each season



Our statistics

2011-2019

- 12,694 kilos of Fruit and Vegetables saved
- A number of Fruit trees planted in the local community
 - Polka Theatre Community Garden,
 - Dundonald Recreation Ground,
 - Sacred Heart Church Orchard, Edge Hill
 - Merton Park School
 - Wimbledon Chase School
 - Hillcross School
- £4,520 donated to local charities (proceeds from Fruit Day)



What we pick

Fruit and Vegetables from local Gardens – ie:

- Apples
- Pears
- Plums
- Damsons
- Apricots
- Berries
- Rhubarb
- Courgettes
- Tomatoes



Where we donate to

- Sustainable Merton Fridge
- Wimbledon Guild
- Merton and Morden Guild
- Sunshine Café
- YMCA
- Faith in Action
- Food Bank
- Age UK
- New Horizon
- Morden Park Leisure Centre
- FISH (Friends in St Heliers)
- Regenerate
- Commonsides Trust
- Dons Local Action Group
- Barnfield Stables (Riding for the Disabled)
- Green Lane Riding School
- Deen City Farm

...and we are always looking for more recipients of our picked goods!



What we sell on Fruit Day

- Jams
- Jellies
- Chutneys
- Cordials
- Liqueurs
- Freshly pressed apple juice
- Home made Apple Pies
- Local Honey
- Home made Cakes, Biscuits and Pastries



Abundance Wimbledon Fruit Day

Saturday 19 September 2020

11.00am – 2.30pm

St Mark's Church

Wimbledon

SW19 7ND

Entry via Compton Road Only
Covid safe

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How can I get involved?

- Donate your local fruit and vegetables
- Become a local area coordinator
- Become a picker
- Become a driver
- Make some jam, chutneys, jellies and cordials (we will supply the fruit!)
- Volunteer on Fruit day (Sept 19)

