



What is Thornbury Harvest Co-operative?

Thornbury Harvest Co-operative is a scheme for local people to work with a grower to produce their organic food. Members pay a subscription to get a share of vegetables (and sometimes fruit) weekly. Members can buy extra vegetables or shares. The members own the organisation and get a say in how the co-operative is run.

Schemes of this sort are a way to increase the amount of local food available in the area. It also means local growers are supported in growing more sustainably, using less chemicals, less imported animal feeds and less packaging.

There are meetings for members from time to time and events for members held at the farm. Members can meet other members at work days and help with planting and weeding.

Schemes like Thornbury Harvest Co-operative are known as Community Supported Agriculture (CSA). They are actively supported by the Soil Association (www.soilassociation.org/csa.aspx), Making Local Food Work (MLFW) (www.makinglocalfoodwork.co.uk), and the Biodynamic Agricultural Association.

Thornbury Harvest Co-operative Limited is registered in England as an Industrial and Provident Society under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965. Reg. No. 31266R.

The future

The intention in future years is to extend the season by introducing polythene tunnels and better storage. We could then expand the produce grown to include fruit, and later possibly animal products - meat, eggs and dairy.

The Committee, in consultation with the membership, will work to improve the scheme. There may be opportunities in the future to invest in the co-operative.

In the long term, Thornbury Harvest Co-operative will work to expand local food production and consumption by setting up other similar organisations in the area.



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Local sustainable food for the Thornbury area



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The vegetables

Do you prefer home-grown vegetables but are too busy to grow your own? Do you want a guarantee that the vegetables you buy are truly locally grown? If so then Thornbury Harvest Co-operative is your answer.

Thornbury Harvest Co-operative is a not-for-profit scheme started in 2010, providing good quality locally grown food for people in the Thornbury area. It is similar to a vegetable box scheme in that you buy a share of mixed vegetables each week. Members of the scheme meet the grower and have a say in how the food is grown.

Vegetables are mostly grown by a paid grower with the help of the Sheiling School on land on the edge of Thornbury. Vegetables are seasonal, locally grown and biodynamic. Biodynamic is roughly the same as organic, and no artificial sprays or fertilisers are used. If we run out of our own vegetables, for example in the spring, we may buy in organic vegetables from as local a source as we can find.

You can choose either a standard share, (enough for two adults) or a half share (enough for a single adult). Vegetable shares can be weighed out and collected by members each week (currently 4-7pm on Thursdays). Members who can't collect on Thursdays can pay an extra £1 per week to collect from Bonds Estate Agents at 14 Castle Street, Thornbury on Friday or Saturday, or can pay an extra £2 per week to have their share delivered.

Joining

Thornbury Harvest Co-operative is looking for more members. Please use the form on the right to get in touch. Membership costs £1 to join and £10 per year for a household.

A standard share of vegetables costs £9.50 per week (or £10 if paying with cash), £41 per month or £480 for a year. A half share costs £4.75 per week (or £5 if paying with cash), £20.50 per month or £240 for a year. Collection from Bonds is £1 extra per week. Delivery to houses in the Thornbury area is £2 extra per week.

To join or to find out more, please either email your contact details to info@thornburyharvestcoop.org.uk, or telephone 01454-416778 or complete the form on the right and return it to:-

Thornbury Harvest Co-operative Limited, Vine Cottage, Kington Lane, Thornbury, Bristol, BS35 1NA



Contact and membership form

Name

Address

Postcode

Telephone

Email

Please tick any of the boxes that apply:-

I would like to be a member of Thornbury Harvest Co-operative

I will probably want vegetables forpeople

I would like to collect my veg from Bonds on Friday or Saturday for an extra £1 per week

I would like my veg delivered for an extra £2 per week

I would like to be on the committee

Please send this form with £11 membership fee (payable to *Thornbury Harvest Co-op Ltd*) to *Thornbury Harvest Co-op Ltd, Vine Cottage, Kington Lane, Thornbury, Bristol, BS35 1NA*

The information you give on this form may be held on a computer, but will not be given to anyone else.