



## Get involved



Learn about growing food organically and successfully, in a fun, friendly and informal setting. We offer volunteering opportunities most days of the week at our main project sites. We can provide boots and gloves, and travel expenses as required.

Special events and open days are held throughout the year, which are fun and rewarding to be a part of, in addition to the gardening tasks. **Apple and Pear Day, Heeley Festival, South Yorkshire Festival, Autumn Fair and Produce Show, Seed Swaps, Heritage Open Days.**

Many people choose to volunteer their time, effort and enthusiasm with us, and their contributions are vital to the success of the project. Please contact us for more information about volunteering.



# About Heeley City Farm

-  Friendly farm and environmental visitor attraction in the centre of Sheffield.
-  Rare breed livestock, small animals house, kitchen and ornamental gardens, peat-free garden centre and café.
-  Wide range of programmes and courses provide opportunities for volunteering, learning and personal development for all people in the region, but especially for young people and persons with learning difficulties and disabilities.
-  Energy efficiency and low carbon housing can be explored at the South Yorkshire Energy Centre, on the farm site.

Big Lottery Fund's Local Food scheme funds our local food project, developed by a consortium of 16 national environmental organisations, and is managed by the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts. Supported by the Big Lottery Fund's Changing Spaces programme, Local Food is distributing grants to a variety of food related projects to make locally grown food more accessible.

[www.localfoodgrants.org](http://www.localfoodgrants.org)

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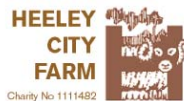
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# Heeley City Farm



## Local Food Project

-  Restoring Land to Cultivation
-  Growing & Marketing Crops
-  Education & Training
-  Consultancy & Support
-  Organic & Sustainable



## What We Do

Heeley City Farm has been practising and promoting food grown locally and organically for many years. The Local Food Project enables us to give support to many individuals and organisations throughout South Yorkshire, as well as grow and market lots more produce.

**Organic:** We use natural fertilisers like compost and manure to grow healthy and nutritious plants. We actively promote wildlife to maintain a balance between pest and predator.

**Fresh Produce:** We regularly market our crops at Farmers' Markets, two greengrocers, local restaurants, and at our special events. We also supply Heeley City Farm's own café/restaurant.

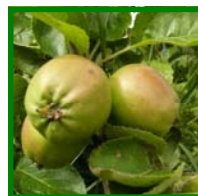
**Education & Training:** We provide a range of courses and workshops throughout the seasons at our main project sites. Beginners courses in the Spring, and more advanced workshops through the Summer and Autumn. Our volunteering days also present an excellent opportunity to pick up skills, knowledge and confidence to "grow your own".

**Community:** We provide advice and consultation to schools and other groups who wish to develop their own local food growing projects. We also host visits to our growing sites. We have specialist staff who are separately funded to work more in depth with certain schools and organisations.



## Heeley City Farm Garden

This is an allotment sized garden with raised beds, a polytunnel, cordon and espalier apple and pear trees. We use "No-Dig" methods on some of the beds, which have advantages for the time-stressed or less flexible gardener!



Provides a valuable demonstration of what can be grown throughout the year to the thousands of visitors that the farm receives. The produce grown here supplies the Farm's excellent café.

## Meersbrook Park Walled Garden

Once the preserve of the Ruskin family when they resided at Meersbrook Hall (now the City Council Recreation Department offices). 1 acre garden including large vegetable and soft fruit growing area and orchard. We are currently expanding the vegetable crop growing area, so lots of help required. Large greenhouses support, among other exotics, some delicious figs and white peaches.



## Wortley Hall Walled Garden

Our main growing site. The grand hall and 3 acre walled garden were originally built by the Earl of Wharnccliffe in the late 18<sup>th</sup> Century, now in the hands of the Wortley Hall Trust as "The Workers' Stately Home". Heeley City Farm manages the garden as an organically certified market garden, with three big polytunnels, pear and apple orchards, and extensive vegetable and herb growing areas.



We are developing other sites for growing crops in partnership with a range of organizations, such as schools, housing projects and community groups. The intention of these initiatives is to help people build their own awareness of environmental issues, linked to outdoor exercise and access to fresh produce for a healthy diet.

