

**South Seeds’ Croft adopt-a-raised bed scheme 2024**

If you are interested in adopting a raised bed at the Croft, near Queen’s Park recreation ground, for this growing season (April – October 2024), please read through the information below to check that the scheme is right for you. To apply, please complete the form starting on page 2 and either hand it in to the South Seeds office (514 Victoria Road) or email it to croft@southseeds.org. The deadline is **4pm on Friday 29 March 2024.**

**HOW THE SCHEME WORKS**

**South Seeds will provide to crofters:**

* A means of accessing the Croft in your own time
* A raised bed including soil for your own use for the 2024 growing season (April to October)
* Hand tools for working the raised bed
* A selection of vegetable seeds
* You will be able to keep all the produce you grow
* Induction and regular vegetable growing training/support sessions throughout the season.

**Crofters must:**

* Applicants living up to 20-minutes’ walk away from the site will be considered to live in the vicinity of the Croft (which is by Queen’s Park recreation ground)
* Attend the Croft induction and three training sessions
* Apply the knowledge gained from the training sessions to improve your growing success (this includes making time to plan the layout of your plot, what you are going to grow)
* Make every effort to grow using organic methods, with no use of herbicides, pesticides or fertilisers (careful use of organic slug pellets will be ok)
* Make every effort to maintain soil fertility using only organic, sustainably-sourced products
* Help to maintain the garden as a whole, and keep it tidy
* Use any tools and materials provided by South Seeds correctly and do not take these away from the site
* Not give out access codes to anyone else, and be responsible for anyone you bring in or allow to enter the garden
* Use the garden in a safe and responsible manner at all times
* Report any incidents, maintenance issues or potential dangers to South Seeds
* Hand your raised bed back to South Seeds at the end of the season (October 2024). Clear the bed and leave it in the same condition that it was handed over to you in April

**The Croft adopt-a-raised growing bed**

**Application form**

Please fill in the form below to apply for a raised bed. Decisions on allocation of the raised beds are made by South Seeds’ board and are based on the information you give below.

The raised growing beds require regular attention such as watering, weeding and pest control. Crofters should attend their raised beds at least once per week and more often in dry weather. Crofters should let people with neighbouring raised beds know if they are to be away on holiday etc. so the beds can be watered during dry spells. Also let South Seeds know if you have to give up the bed for any reason, so it can be reallocated.

**ABOUT YOU:**

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| Name |  |
| Address |  |
| Postcode |  |
| Home telephone |  |
| Mobile telephone |  |
| Email |  |
| We will send out all general communications and information about the Croft on the WhatsApp group as this is the most time-efficient way for us to reach all crofters.❑ Please tick this box if you are happy to join the Croft WhatsApp group.  *If you are not on WhatsApp we can send the information by email – please make sure you check your junk mail folder regularly, so you don’t miss anything important!*If you don’t use WhatsApp or email, please let us know what method of contact is best for you.Method of contact:  |

❑ Please tick if you live within a 20 minute walk of the Croft community garden on Queen’s Park Recreation Ground.

**PLEASE ANSWER QUESTIONS 1- 6:**

**1.** Why do you want a raised growing bed?

(No more than 150 words)

**2.** Please tell us about your previous experience of growing fruit and/or veg (if any)? Also tell us about your current access to growing space?

(No more than 150 words)

**3.** Do you have any ideas of what you want to grow if you are successful in getting a plot? If so, please let us know your ideas below:

(No more than 150 words)

**4.** Successful applicants will have their raised growing bed allocated at the induction session on **Monday, 8th April at 6pm** at the Croft.

❑ Please tick the box if you are able to participate in the induction session.

**5.** Once everyone has started, there will be a series of training sessions. All growers are expected to participate in at least three of the initial training sessions.

The sessions will be held at the Croft starting at 6pm sharp and will last about 1 hour although this may be extended as the daylight improves.

The initial training sessions will be on the following Mondays:

* 15th April,
* 22nd April,
* 6th May and
* 13th May.

❑ Please tick the box if you are able to participate in at least **three** of the training sessions listed above.

The sessions will run even if it is raining as there is some shelter on site. Obviously if the weather is very wet or cold (particularly in April) the session will be modified. The training sessions will cover:

* Planning & preparation,
* Planting methods,
* Maintenance, watering, ‘weeds’ & ‘pests’,
* Harvesting & composting.

Each session may cover more than one topic to fit in with the stage of the season and crofters’ requirements and may be covered again as the season progresses.

Dates for additional training sessions will be announced later in the season.

**6.** Is there anything else that you think you could bring to the experience, or you think it would be useful for us to know about?

(No more than 150 words)

**To submit your application**

Please return this form to South Seeds by email to croft@southseeds.org or drop it in to 514 Victoria Road, G42 8BG (knock the door between 9.30am and 4.30pm on weekdays and 10am and 2pm on Saturdays, there is no letterbox).We look forward to hearing from you.

Sadly, we are unable to consider forms received after **4pm on Friday 29 March 2024**. We aim to have contacted the successful applicants by very early April, for those who miss out on this opportunity we will share information about other opportunities we have.

**Still have questions?**

Call South Seeds on 0141 636 3959 (leave an answerphone message and we will get back to you) or email: croft@southseeds.org. There’s lots more information about South Seeds on [www.southseeds.org](http://www.southseeds.org) (you can follow us on Facebook and Twitter too).

**South Seeds**

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