

GROW YOUR OWN UPDATE OCTOBER 2022



To celebrate 40 years of the U3A organisation we set ourselves the challenge of growing forty different types of vegetables. Of course we hadn't reckoned on the extreme weather - 37 degrees saw off the peas, mange tout, runner beans and cucumber. However by growing several varieties of potatoes, beetroot, carrots, squash, tomatoes and courgettes we reached our target - just!

With a full plot we returned to Rotherham Show in September and had a successful experience if a little crazy/busy. We sold mixed vegetable bags but they were so popular we quickly ran out of supplies. An ad hoc relay team repeatedly dug up more potatoes, beetroot, carrots, parsnips etc and then ran back to the marquee to replenish. Lots of fun and we now we have funds to set us up for the next growing year.



Monika selling to the first customer

Anyone who bought a vegetable bag could be reassured that it was definitely fresh, organic and very locally grown!

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