



An invitation to join us...

Grow Wakefield started began over 13 years ago with just one simple idea – **To turn unloved spaces into food growing places** and with the help of hundreds of people like you we've been doing just that ever since.

So far we've set up fifteen Edible Gardening clubs, fifteen Edible Community Gardens, over one hundred and sixty mini allotment plots, run numerous talks, walks, demonstrations and Help Us Grow sessions and are helping hundreds of individuals and organisations throughout the district to grow their own healthy, local food.

Social Enterprise

In 2012 we became a social enterprise, in fact we're a Company Limited by Guarantee, which means that we don't have shareholders and pay them dividends from the profits – we have members and we reinvest any surpluses we make into the development of Grow Wakefield and the many initiatives we've set up to continue to help Wakefield grow.

As a social enterprise, our social mission, rather than making money, is the motivation behind everything we do. Our mission is: **To provide opportunities for improved wellbeing through growing, learning and volunteering by creating community allotments, gardens and workshops across the district**

Having a large membership that cares about what we do is essential to keep us growing and on the right track and because of your involvement with Grow Wakefield we'd love you to become a member in the Company.

We thought it would be helpful to outline what this means. So, here are some of the key points...

- **As a member, you are part of the social ownership of the company.** This means that changes to the legal ways in which the company operates cannot be changed without the majority of the members agreeing. This ensures that Grow Wakefield will always stay true to its purpose.



- **As a member, you could be eligible to become a director.** The board of directors takes a more hands-on role in the way the company is run. Being a director in a social enterprise can be a wonderful personal and professional experience.
- **The membership is responsible for appointing people to the board of directors.** This normally happens at General Meetings of the members. People who want to be appointed to the board or be reappointed to stay on the board are voted for by the members.
- **As a collective membership you can ask the directors to specifically take a course of action or refrain from taking a course of action.** This is called the member's Reserve Power. So, whilst the directors have a greater involvement than the wider membership, the collective group can ensure, for the good of the company, that the directors respect any use of the Reserve Powers.
- **As a member, you get information about how the company is doing.** This means that you'll receive financial information and also information about the services that are being delivered and the impact of these services within the community and can ask questions at member's meetings about that information.
- **Being a member brings benefits.** You'll get to hear about all our growing and local food opportunities first, become eligible to be a mini allotment plot holder and we'll be developing other benefits that go with being a member over time as more people become involved.

And, here's the big one; the money matter...

As a member, you'll be asked to pay £1 per year. This is the sum that members agree to contribute to the costs of winding up the company, if that were to happen. Being a Company Limited by Guarantee means that the members have *limited liability*. And, that liability is the £1.

What to do next...

All your help and support for Grow Wakefield to date is really appreciated and if you'd like to become a member we'd love to have you - just complete the following application form and return it to us.

I look forward to being able to welcome you as a member in the near future.

Best wishes,

Andy Austerfield
Founding Member
Grow Wakefield



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name:	
Address:	
Postcode:	
Main contact number:	
Mobile number:	
Email address:	
Additional information: <i>(if you have any specialist skills, qualifications, knowledge or useful experience or if there are specific areas of what we do that you would be interested in being involved with, please mention these in the box opposite).</i>	

MEMBERSHIP TYPE

Are you applying for membership as an individual or on behalf of an organisation/company/public body?	
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If you are applying for membership on behalf of an organisation/company/public body, please provide the name and contact details in the box opposite.	Organisation:	
	Address:	
	Contact number:	
	Email address:	

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS – PRIVACY NOTICE

I agree that the information provided can be used by Grow Wakefield so that I can receive information related to my membership application and the activities of the Company.

The information provided on this form will be used in accordance with the current General Data Protection Regulations and our Privacy Policy which can be viewed on our website www.Grow-Wakefield.co.uk

Signed:	Date:
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