

RECENT C.O.G.S EVENTS

Talks on

- ∞ Understanding Soil Structure
- ∞ Permaculture
- ∞ Discussion evening on Transition Towns
- ∞ Growing Sweet peas
- ∞ Petworth Community Garden
- ∞ Drugs and other products from plants

Events:

- ∞ Visit to members' allotments
- ∞ An annual Harvest Supper
- ∞ Visit to Tuppeny Barn Organic Farm
- ∞ Spring Supper and plant exchange
- ∞ Stand at Transition Chichester Green Fair
- ∞ Stand at Weald and Downland Countryside Show

C.O.G.S. IS AFFILIATED TO

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OTHER LOCAL GROUPS

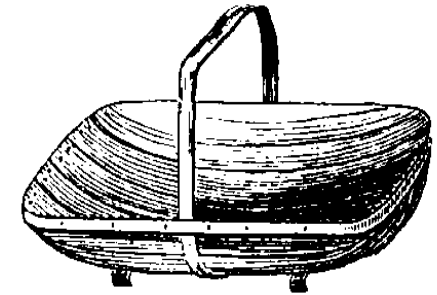
There are other local groups in Hampshire, Horsham, Brighton and Romsey.

For details contact the above organisations.

Learn to grow healthy, wholesome
fruit, flowers and vegetables

Become a member of

Chichester



Organic Gardening Society

www.chicogs.org.uk

Aims

We aim to encourage the growing of healthy produce and beautiful gardens by sustainable and environmentally kind gardening methods.

To provide a focus for local gardeners and growers to meet those sharing their interest in gardening *with* nature, both for social activities and to discuss gardening and related issues

Activities

From September to April we have a monthly meeting with talks and tastings. During the summer we organise visits to places of interest and attend local events to pass on the organic message.

One of our members organises the purchase of bulk organic food supplies from Infinity Foods, Brighton.

Newsletter

We produce a regular newsletter with details of the programme for the next few months, and other activities.

Membership

Whether you have been gardening for years or have just started out, COGS welcomes you. Our members have gardens of all sizes from window boxes to farms. Join us and share your problems and experiences.

We meet at 7:30pm on the last Monday of the month, in September, October (Harvest Supper), November, January, February, March, April & May (Spring Fling) at the Bassil Shippam Centre, Tozer Way, Chichester. PO19 7LG

Starting to grow organically

1. Don't use chemicals. It's hard to give them up, but with healthy plants and wildlife around you'll find you don't need them.

2. Mulch your soil - it conserves moisture, suppresses weeds and improves the soil structure.

3. Composting gives you a wonderful soil improver and plant food FREE! It's not difficult and the containers need not be ugly.

4. By encouraging natural predators into your garden you can enjoy your own wildlife - birds, frogs, ladybirds and hedgehogs will all help you if you help them.



5. The health of your soil is vital. Encourage earthworms - they will carry down your compost and improve drainage. Don't compact your soil by treading on it.

6. Companion planting can help discourage pests and maybe even control weeds.

7. Crop rotation in your vegetable garden will reduce the build up of disease.

8. Green Manures add fertility and prevent soil erosion and the leaching of nutrients.

9. Choose pest and disease resistant varieties of plants.

10. Don't buy peat based products. There are lots of alternatives now which are just as good

Membership application form

Full Name(s) _____

Name(s) and Address for mailing

_____ Postcode _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Would you be willing to help at events?

Yes/No

Do you have any skills you could offer the group, for example typing, copying, providing plants / produce for sale on stalls?

Please list _____

I enclose

£ 6.00 Household membership

£. _____ Donation if possible

TOTAL ENCLOSED £ _____

How did you hear about us? _____

Please return to:

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The membership year starts in October.