Welcome to Flatt Fields Market Garden
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What We Do

Platt Fields Market Garden (PFMG) is a community garden based in South Manchester and is managed by Manchester Urban Diggers (MUD).

We are a member of the Community Supported Agriculture Network (CSA). This means that we grow fruit and vegetables with the help of volunteers through educational workshops and programmes, wellbeing sessions, courses and volunteering days.

We started growing at the garden in 2016 and have developed the site with the help of hundreds of volunteers and partners since. We now have bees, a wild meadow area, pond, outdoor kitchen, kids play area, The Frog House and a weekly market and café, as well as a calendar of events and workshops.

We grow vegetables using organic methods, increase the biodiversity of the local environment and increase community cohesion through the joys of growing and sharing food together.
Meet the MUD Team

Everyone in the MUD team carries out a number of different roles, so there’s a good chance you’ll meet all of us at the garden!

Jo (she/her)
Events Lead
Volunteer Coordinator
Workshop Host
Grower

Dan (he/him)
Project Lead
Volunteer Coordinator
Grower

Mike (he/him)
Head Grower
Volunteer Lead
Workshop Host

Sam (he/him)
Business Lead
Volunteer Coordinator
Workshop Host
Grower

Alistair (he/him)
Fundraiser
Grower

Lulu (she/her)
Project Lead
Volunteer Coordinator
Workshop Host
Grower

Klaudia (she/her)
Project Lead
Workshop Host
Vermiculturist
Grower

Lorcan (he/him)
Chef
Product Developer
Super Intendant of Fermented Victuals
Grower

Meg (she/her)
Kitchen Manager
Chef
Volunteer Coordinator
Workshop Host
Grower

Nerissa (she/her)
Café Manager
Project Lead
Volunteer Coordinator
Workshop Host
Grower

If you’d like to speak to one of the team in particular, email us at hello@wearemud.org and we’ll put you in touch with them.
Our Community

We love collaborating at Platt Fields Market Garden and have built a diverse community that uses the site.

We have artists, makers, musicians, chefs, growers, herbalists, apiarists, yogis, photographers, health workers and practitioners and more that all use the site. So you may meet some other people on site regularly as well as the MUD team.

There are also several other organisations that we work with that are based in PFMG as well:

“Myco, the Manchester Mushroom Co-operative, is a pilot scheme growing oyster mushrooms in urban spaces in Manchester, UK. Its led by 3 people with a love affair for fungi and a passion for creating a more just and ecological food system.”

Myco grow mushrooms on site at PFMG.

Gaskell Garden Project are, “a permaculture project based in Manchester, which comprises of two garden sites, a pay-as-you-feel pop-up café, and a surplus food collection and distribution team.”

They have created an amazing permaculture inspired Spiral Garden at PFMG and host volunteering sessions, workshops and events.

Manchester Bees Forest School has found its home at Platt Fields Market Garden and is “a special place in the heart of Platt Fields Park, Fallowfield where children and their families can be themselves while they play and learn in nature.”
Our Facilities

We are constantly working to improve our facilities, infrastructure and accessibility at PFMG. We constantly invest income into the site but rely heavily on donations. We’re open to any suggestions so please let us know how we can improve the site for the community. At present we have:

Toilets
Including wheelchair accessible with a baby change.

Seating
We have a range of tables and seating, from fold out chairs to sunken benches in the wellbeing garden. The garden is a great place to just come and sit in.

Storage
We have an outdoor locker that you can put your belongings in but it is not secure. We advise keeping any valuables on yourself at all times as we can not take responsibility for them.

The Frog House
An undercover workshop and meeting space with tables, seating, power and water points.

The Kids Area
An outdoor muddy play space for children including balancing equipment, a mud kitchen and sand pit.

The Pottery
An outdoor pottery stand including a kick wheel, kiln and clay harvested from the garden itself!

Outdoor Kitchen
We have several outdoor BBQs, a fire pit, a cob oven and a large smoker and well as undercover work surfaces and prep and service areas.

Kitchen
We have a basic kitchen with a food hygiene rating of 4/5. We can cater to large groups or just warm up your lunch in the microwave if you need it.

Composting
We have a large composting area and several wormeries so can accept any compostable waste to add to our piles. Please ask for further information about what we can accept before bringing any of your waste to the site.
Do you need to bring anything?

There might be a whole host of reasons you are coming to visit us and here are some things you might need if you are.

We are a working, outdoor market garden and we do have some inside and covered areas but we are at the mercy of the Manchester weather. With this in mind we suggest the following:

Suitable Clothing
The weather can change several times during the day at PFMG. Please check the weather before your visit and dress appropriately. We like to be prepared and use a layering system that might include:

• A Base layer suitable for warm weather such as a T shirt
• A secondary layer for cooler weather such as a shirt or jumper
• An insulating layer such as a fleece or jacket
• A shell layer such as a waterproof coat

We have a supply of work overalls you can borrow for the day to help protect your own clothes.

If the weather is forecast to be cold we would also advise wearing a hat and scarf.

If the weather forecast is really bad we will notify everyone beforehand if the garden won’t be open.

Strong sturdy shoes
• No open toes
• Sturdy sole and grip
• No heals
• Waterproof (if rain is forecast)

For some of the more dangerous work on site you may need safety boots.

We have a small selection of safety boots that can be borrowed for your visit. Please contact us prior to your visit if you need to borrow boots.

Food and Drinks?
We have an on site café serving hot and cold food and drinks Friday - Sunday, 11am - 4pm.

Some projects, programmes and events we host are catered for free, so please double check before you come whether you need to bring food or not.

We have drinking water on site and can provide cups but would encourage you to bring a reusable water bottle if you have one.

Other stuff?
• We can provide all tools and PPE including gloves but welcome you to bring and use your own if you would like to.
• Please bring your own mask to use on site when needed if you are able to wear one.
• We have stocks of hand sanitiser in various locations on site but it’s always handy to have your own on you as we’re quite a large site.
How to find us

If you enter Platt Fields Park from the Mabfield Road entrance, Platt Fields Market Garden is on your right behind the green fencing. The entrance to the garden is at the end of the fence just before the car park, opposite the skate park.

Look out for this sign

This is also the entrance of the park that you can access the car park from, which is directly behind PFMG. If travelling to us by car please turn down Langley Road from the A6010, Wilmslow Road and then take a right onto Mabfield Road and the park entrance will be directly in front of you.

If travelling to us by bicycle, you can come by road and we are also a short distance from the Fallowfield Loop. You can join the Floop a few hundred metres South of Langley Road adjacent to the Sainsbury’s on Ladybarn Road to head East or alternatively at the junction of Sherwood St and Wellington Road to head West.

For the nearest Bus Stop on Wilmslow Road catch services: 41, 42, 42A, 42B, 42C, 43, 142, 143, 147, X57.
How to contact us

Please check our website for any information you may need before getting in touch. If you still can’t find what you’re looking for then please contact us using the information below:

hello@wearemud.org
For general enquiries about MUD or our projects and if you would like to collaborate with us

volunteer@wearemud.org
For anything related to our volunteering opportunities

events@wearemud.org
For any enquiries about our workshops, events, space hire etc.

Platt Fields Market Garden
Platt Fields Park
Mabfield Road
Fallowfield
Manchester
M146LT

PFMG Telephone: 07309081338
The phone isn’t attended to all of the time so we might not answer if you ring. You can WhatsApp this number too and someone will respond ASAP.

You can support our work by becoming a Patron. Visit below for more information:

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