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# 2024-25

## Agroecological Horticulture Production training

- *Strengthening local food resilience together* -

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# ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

Building local food resilience and empowering more people with the skills to launch their own edible horticulture ventures has never been more essential.

Our new training program offers a unique chance to gain the knowledge, experience and insights needed to make an impact in sustainable agriculture.



## What you'll learn

- **Business Planning** – Crafting a solid foundation for your enterprise
- **Agroecological Growing** – Sustainable and ecological farming practices
- **Site & Soil Assessment** – Understanding soil health and potential
- **Plant Health, Pests & Diseases** – Key principles for thriving crops
- **Crop Planning** – For productivity and succession
- **Tools & Scaling up**– Selecting the right tools & equipment for the job
- **Food Safety, Packaging & Labelling** – Essentials for safe and market-ready produce
- **Market Access & Diversification** – Finding and expanding customer bases
- **Seed Saving** – Ensuring quality and sustainability
- And much much more!



# OUTLINE

The programme will be led by Emma Maxwell, successful grower, trainer, and mentor from Ash & Elm Horticulture through a blend of online and in person sessions at Ash & Elm Horticulture.

This will be complimented by visits to established farms and market gardens.



## Taught sessions

Online sessions to build foundational knowledge, develop your business plan and crop strategies



## On site learning

Hands-on sessions at Ash & Elm Horticulture in Llanidloes, where practical skills will be demonstrated in a thriving market garden



## Farm visits

Guided visits to established market gardens and CSA projects, providing insights and inspiration from experienced growers.



## Mentoring

One-on-one guidance to refine your ideas, identify market opportunities, and receive tailored support.

	Autumn	Winter	Spring 2025	Summer 2025
<b>Online learning</b> (4 sessions)		✓	✓	
<b>In person horticulture training</b> at Cae Felin, Llanidloes (5 sessions over the season)			✓	✓
<b>Farm visits - Various</b> (5 sessions over the season)			✓	✓



## Who is the programme intended for?

- Those with some experience of growing
- Looking to start an edible horticulture business
- Farmers interested in diversifying into horticulture



## Ready to apply?

For more information or an informal chat:

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**Application deadline for expressions of interest**  
Monday, November 25, 2024

**Programme start date:**  
Week commencing 2nd December 2024, at  
Ash & Elm Horticulture, Llanidloes

