

DAY ONE Saturday 29th

Part 1 To be held at Florence park community centre

12.00-12.15 Arrival and Registration

12.15-13.00 Shared lunch mainly of forest garden produce/dishes. We request you bring your own food to share.

13.00-13.20 Welcome, the purpose of our gathering and the timetable. PLUS... An overview of Forest Garden developments in Oxford. Richard Luff

13.20-13.40 The partnership of the community /Incredible Edible Oxford and Oxford City Council in Florence park Rachel Hammond (with City Council rep?)

13.40 -14.00 Forest gardening in Worthing Andy Edwards, Head of Environment at Worthing and Adur Council

14.00-15.30 Open Space session addressing topics from the group stimulated by the presentations. Potential topics (only suggestions to get you thinking!): 1. Where and how to start? Sharing stories of successful community and stakeholder engagement and planting 2. How to access funding to start a FG? 3. Principles/standards to guide communities – what is a FG? 4. Can there be different gardens fit for different purposes: food, education, well being, soil repair and detoxification, learning and leisure? 5. Applying and developing Forest Garden principles in various scenarios and for varied purposes facilitated by Paul Pivcevic

15.30-15.45 Plenary. Brief report out from topic hosts.

15.45-16.15 Break

16.15-17.00 Training Pathways: how do I/my community group learn more, keep learning, and progress? Followed by Q and A. Coordinated by Tomas Remiarz

17.00-17.15 Clear up and close.

17.15-18.00 Walk and visit to Oxford city farm and Florence park. Activities en route (TBA)

Part 2

To be held at Florence park children's centre (note this is a different building)

18.00-18.30 AGM for the national forest gardening scheme Propose NFGS as a flexible entity that is 'incorporation ready' (all Charity Commission forms ready to go) Present the NFGS 'Purpose' as per shadow board meeting of 7th July for general agreement. Likewise Constitution Expanding the shadow board with further nominations (if req). Membership model for agreement (all relevant documents will be posted to loomio for comment prior to event) Paul Pivcevic

18.30-19.10 Practical Steps Forward (building on open space work). How can this group resource me to set and meet goals for my Forest Garden project?

19.10-19.50 Evening Meal (included in your ticket cost/donation)

20.00-20.15 Captivating technology to engage young people in particular, and to spread the planting of forest gardens. PLUS An intro to the live demonstration session tomorrow. Andrea Berardi/Rachel Hammond TBC

20.15-20.30 CLOSE and clear up.

Part 3 Ongoing networking and socialising in the pub To be held at Jolly Postboys pub

DAY TWO

Sunday 30th To be held at Florence park community centre

09.30-10.15 Wellbeing; social prescribing; latest research - and why forest gardens!

10.15-10.30 Tea break

10.30-12.15 Flash mob to Florence Park - working together in the Forest Garden
Technology demonstration Rachel Hammond/ Andrea Berardi

1230-1330 Lunch and then goodbyes. We request you bring your own food to share.

IMPORTANT NOTES

Key locations in Oxford for the AGM (these are all about 2.5 miles SE of centre of Oxford and train/bus station)

Venue locations Sat afternoon Florence Park Community centre. Cornwallis Rd, Oxford OX4 3NH Sat early evening Children's centre in Florence park. Rymers Ln, Oxford OX4 3JZ Sat Later evening Jolly Postboys pub. 22 Florence Park Rd, Oxford OX4 3PH Early Sunday morning Florence Park Community centre. Cornwallis Rd, Oxford OX4 3NH Later Sunday morning In Forest garden section of Florence park Lunch Sunday Florence Park Community centre. Cornwallis Rd, Oxford OX4 3NH

Accommodation options

Oxford is a busy place and not super cheap but there are options that we have looked into;

Oxford Camping and Caravanning Club Site, 426 Abingdon Road, Oxford, Oxfordshire, OX1 4XG. 1 mile away. 2 people in a tent on a pitch with a car for 1-night costs about £29.10. May need to book a few weeks in advance as can get busy. YHA Oxford (right by station). About 2.5 miles away. Acorn Guest house <https://www.oxford-acorn.co.uk/> is permaculture friendly. 1 mile away

And you all know about Airbnb Couch surfing

Finally, as there are a number of NFGS members in Oxford we might be able to rustle up a few beds (hosting will be by invitation).