

Thames Organic Growers see organic growth with support from BBO Food Group



Thames Organic Growers (TOG) is a self-supporting group of independent growers of organic produce: vegetables and fruit. Their aim is to increase production and consumption of organic vegetables, to strengthen the integrity of organic standards and ensure that more people are able to grow organic food.

BBO Food Group provides administrative and business development support, and helped Thames Organic Growers to obtain a £1,000 grant from Mid-counties Co-operative.

Subsidised advertisements in the annual BBO Food Guide help to market the organisation, which now has 19 business members and is growing. BBO Food Group also gave about £1,000 worth of time to set up and maintain the website www.thamesorganicgrowers.co.uk

“Partnership with the BBO Food Group gives Thames Organic Growers a chance to take part in trade events and gives us a higher profile to chefs, caterers and the wider food-service sector,” says Chair Iain Tolhurst of Tolhurst Organic Produce and one of the founder members of TOG.

“Thames Organic Growers are committed to encouraging new entrants into organic agriculture, and to this end we’re working closely with the Soil Association on the Organic Apprenticeship Scheme. Several TOG members now employ people from the scheme on their holdings. This will help to ensure the sustainability of organic horticulture and animal farming in the Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire area.”

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Thames Organic Growers Farm Visits.



Thames Organic Growers in action.



Thames Organic Growers’ produce.



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