

Bressay Development Ltd

Questionnaire for households living near the Glebe, Hamilton Park and Fullaburn

Food, gardens and outside spaces

2020 has highlighted the need for communities like ours to be resilient. BDL received a number of suggestions from Bressay folk during the past year and most related to the need for the community to have greater access to garden space (for growing food and recreation), better food security and greater access to local produce.

BDL have met with the SIC to discuss potential sites which could put to greater use and three areas near the Glebe/Fullaburn have been identified. These could be rented or sold to BDL if a suitable community project was in place. The attached map shows these sites roughly outlined in red. The SIC have a new food policy which aims to support communities to identify land for growing and to increase food growing and access to affordable food throughout Shetland. Transition Turriemfield has also secured funding to help Shetland communities grow their own food and they would be happy to support us.

We would like to hear your views about community vegetable growing and more generally about using the SIC land around the Glebe and Fullaburn. We'd be happy to hear suggestions for any other areas of land too.

Tatties and carrots aren't the only veg which grows well outside in Shetland, there's peas, broad beans, broccoli.... Fruit bushes like gooseberries, currants, honeyberries, or how about pots of thyme, sage and mint? A Polycrub could mean tomatoes, courgettes, plums....

Would you be interested in allotment type growing space near your home?

If yes, please indicate what space would suit you best?

Undercover in a polytunnel

Outside in either a traditional plot or raised bed

Both

Would it be important for the growing space to be access / wheelchair friendly?

Would any of the following be helpful?

Workshops or classes on growing your own

Occasional, or regular one to one help

Advice when needed

Tools and equipment free to use on site

Seed / plant exchange

Would you prefer to pay a fee for your own personal growing space or would a shared communal growing space suit you and your household better?

Would you be happy to help neighbours who are less able or knowledgeable with their plot?

Would you welcome additional garden/recreation space in any of the areas outlined in red?

Would you welcome communal composting facilities?

Are you interested in growing food –

For home use

For community or growing group use

For sale (community veg box or private sale)

Please provide any comments here

**Replies can be put through the Speldiburn letterbox or emailed to info@bressay.org
Thanks for your time. Feel free to contact us anytime.**

