

1. Do you think that setting up a Local Food Programme in Dawlish would be valuable?
2. Would you be interested in joining a discussion on the feasibility of setting up a Local Food Programme?
3. Would you be interested in helping to define a Local Food Programme, including the fact-finding and research that may be necessary?
4. Would you and/or your family potentially be interested in helping to create and maintain a community garden or community orchard, or growing food in a shared private garden?
5. Are there particular policies relating to local food production/ consumption that you would like to see included in the Dawlish Neighbourhood Plan? (For example, avoiding the loss of good agricultural land around the current built-up area, which might in future be used for small scale intensive food production within easy travelling distance of town residents.)

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Yes I do. Dawlish is the right size and in a good rural location for us to take advantage of setting up a local food programme. There is a lot of interest in things local and a fair amount of civic pride in Dawlish which could inspire people to support "local Dawlish" produce!	Yes. I would with reservation- see below.	Sorry- rather over loaded with present responsibilities to take much on.	I have an allotment at Brown's Brook which I am passionate about but it fully occupies my spare time- so saying I love the idea of a community orchard.	I love the idea that waste land gets used to growing projects- not having a garden myself I know how hard that is- thank god for my allotment. There are a lot of houses in Dawlish without gardens and I hope there might be a possibility for folk without growing space at their homes to help to take over and cultivate wasted spaces. And yes we must try to preserve our agricultural land.
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes. Food security is an issue that is not being seriously addressed. Agricultural land adjacent to and can sustain the whole community should be included in all NPs Using double glazed green houses, (to prolong the growing season) heated sustainably and easily accessible to the local work force should be paramount in our planning. Rural communities are ideally suited to this concept. There could be other sustainable initiatives such as community composting and anaerobic digestors. Dawlish could be an exemplar!

<p>Very valuable as we learned at the last Transition meeting that the UK has only 44 days of food to sustain it in case of an international crisis where it could not rely on imports. Food miles are a huge issue contributing to climate change and global warming and therefore increasing the likelihood of extreme weather events which in turn affect man's ability to provide from growing globally (heat wave in India May 2015) and locally SW flooded fields in 2013-14 due to winter storms. Economically the worst affected areas were Somerset, Devon, Dorset and Cornwall in the south west and the Thames Valley in the South East. A local food policy is certainly needed.</p> <p>We have lost too much arable farming land to developments outside of the Teignbridge Local Plan and need to preserve the Grade 1&2 prime farming land we are blessed with in this area.</p>	<p>As I am stretched already with working full time currently at a busy GCSE time, developing a SW Textile Artist Network, and being involved in other Transition initiatives, not to mention the research I am undertaking on behalf of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group I am unable to commit to joining a Food discussion at present, however, I am happy to support from within the Transition group.</p>	<p>As above I can support but not be an active member at present.</p>	<p>As above however I often do not have enough space to cultivate all the food plants I germinate and therefore it would be good to be able to grow the surplus in a shared plot.</p>	<p>I would like to see the preservation of good agricultural land throughout the Dawlish Parish, which should remain as farmland and also an area set aside for small scale intensive food production within easy travelling distance of residents within each parish area, given the allotment waiting list and to encourage greater self sufficiency and less reliance on food that has travelled great distances with all its damaging effects ref. climate change.</p> <p>I also believe it is important for each new housing development to have a communal growing area set aside within its environs, including space for fruit and nut trees and soft fruit bushes.</p> <p>Community composting areas to ensure enriched growing beds and productive use of garden waste should also be a priority.</p>
<p>I think it is essential if this town is to make progress towards local self-reliance</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>I would be interested in helping with the design side, probably bringing in permaculture expertise</p>	<p>I would like to see Local Food a strategic item in the NP, ideally made central to the whole NP, and the basis for a transition over the 20 years towards genuine sustainability.</p>

<p>Yes - as well as direct benefits to those who become involved, it would help to raise the level of awareness of important issues related to the inevitability of disruptive climate change, the need to minimise fossil fuel usage, and food security.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Would help with the process of setting up community food growing projects.</p>	<p>The example given is a good one. I'd like local plans to include policies that require or encourage District and Town Councillors and Planning Officers together to take a proactive interest in identifying and setting aside food growing areas and green spaces for recreation and wildlife within both existing built-up areas and new housing developments.</p>
<p>I think it would though I have to admit I don't really have much of a feel for how it would work.</p>	<p>In principle if I could address my answer to 1 above.</p>	<p>Possibly.</p>	<p>I'm afraid I have more to do in this area already than I really have time for.</p>	<p>Yes I do find the loss of good land around Dawlish quite worrying.</p>
<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes, if via e-mail. I do not like attending meetings</p>	<p>Could be – would depend on how the fact finding and research needed to be undertaken</p>	<p>Would depend on where the community garden or orchard was located. If within walking distance of where I live – possibly so. If not within walking distance then NO. Not interested in growing food in a shared private garden.</p>	<p>In the Teignbridge Local Plan I believe there is mention of allotments. Where are they in the new developments?</p>

<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes, we have bought The Secret Garden in Barton Lane, Dawlish with the sole purpose of creating a Community Garden.</p>	<p>Yes, we are concerned about the loss of potential growing land around the town that could be tumbled over to allotments. Grey disused land has a particular appeal as does areas that are immediately visible to the public within the town. Gorilla Gardening is a personal passion of mine. There could be a small vegetable/herb bed constructed along The Lawns flower beds that would surprise and delight our town's folk and visitors. The fear of vandalism should not put us off creating a small colourful veg patch, a visual reminder of our connection to the earth. Robust clear signage would simply state the purpose and aims of the veg bed.</p> <p>Further, we are interested in the co-operation of other Transition Towns such as Totnes where we could grow herbs and vegetables in co-ordination and swap produce. Dawlish has some excellent wild garlic Ramsons that is growing wild. We aim to cultivate this next year to make it available to a restaurant in Newton Abbot. They are presently importing it from France!!</p> <p>Our Dawlish Sea Samphire is a valuable free resource, sort after by top fish restaurants but once again imported into the UK, why?</p> <p>The Violet trade was a huge local industry bringing wealth and employment to Dawlish and beyond last century. There is the potential to reinstate this low energy plant cultivation for the tourist trade and further afield.</p> <p>We have many suggestions that might put Dawlish back on the map and encourage both green tourism and promote a sustainable community!</p>
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<p>Yes, it would be very valuable. Encouraging local food production has little or no downsides, and many upsides. The use of land as allotments as a very basic first move is obvious, and allotments are typically in high demand today. Further than that, the encouragement of small holdings and micro production can yield not only useful employment, but also help in the creation of local markets. We already have a significant number of such local small food businesses, and their encouragement has to be beneficial. New local food production either as business or as amateur should be encouraged.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes, not only in food production but also in the creation of a vibrant local food market.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes: Firstly - allotments and the need of allotment holders and allotment associations. Local composting schemes, local allotment produce sharing / market schemes, connecting local food businesses with a wider local market, connecting elderly residents with large garden and young people who wish to learn and help, celebrating local food produce with local food awards and associated wider publicity.</p>
<p>Yes, especially as there is little provision of allotments and community growing spaces.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes, I would help with a community garden or orchard.</p>	<p>Yes. It is important to ensure that wildlife corridors are created and maintained to combat habitat fragmentation, this will help the bee and insect population which are essential to food growing. The provision of green open space and safe places for active play and food growing, which are accessible by walking and cycling and public transport will help promote active healthy lifestyles Reusing land that has been previously developed (brownfield land) to minimise the amount of greenfield sites being developed, leaving more land for food production.</p>