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Southern Roots Organics CSA

by Southern Roots Organics in Hewood, England, United Kingdom

We did it

On 21st March 2017 we successfully raised £9,541 with 78 supporters in 21 days

We are setting up a Community Support Agriculture Scheme in West Dorset to supply local households with fresh, seasonal, organic vegetables!

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New stretch target

Southern Roots Organics CSA Crowdfuding Success!!

Not only did we finish our crowd funder but incredibly we reached our stretch target of £9500! We are bowled over and deeply grateful by the incredible support that so many people have

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first day of spring! Under a blue sky we got into the swing of spring work: potting on tomatoes, sowing salads and finished making the doors on a polytunnel. As the growing season begins, we are going into it feeling very excited about bringing Southern Roots Organics CSA to life. And this really would not have been possible without all of your support.

A lasting reflection for us as our crowdfunder campaign came to an end is the power in community support and collective financing that has helped make this idea a reality. Having dozens of friends and people in our wider community give donations to our project has brought with it so much appreciation and a feeling of value that no other method of fund raising can match.

All of your contributions from £1 to £1000 have far more than just monetary value to us. The support and encouragement we received has helped us do much more than simply set up the physical infrastructure of our project, it has shown us that our project is valued and has given us a strong sense of community backing. This is of huge worth to us, and provides strong foundations on which there is much we can build.

We look forward to a vigorous, fertile and relatively weed-free growing season.

With huge thanks and gratitude,
Dee and Adam

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ABOUT OUR PROJECT

Southern Roots Organics is a market garden run by Adam Payne and Dee Butterly.

We produce vegetables on 2 acres of land rented from Lower Hewood Farm in West Dorset.

In response to local demand, this season we want to start a Community Supported Agriculture Scheme to supply 25 households.

Raising funds

In order to make this happen and get our project off the ground we need to raise **£5000** to invest in essential equipment, infrastructure and materials.

Before launching our crowdfunder we set a stretch target of **£9500.** If we are able to raise this extra **£4500** in the next two and half weeks we will be able to do the following:

1. **Offer 1/5 of our CSA Veg Box memberships at a subsidised rate to households on low**

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2. **Invest in a hand pushed precision seeder and an irrigation system that works. Crowdfunding these costs will allow us to pay ourselves a living wage in our first year and be more productive!**

3. **Build a dry, insulated unit to store our produce in over the winter months. This will significantly help reduce losses and waste by keep produce at its optimum temperature and humidity.**

What is a CSA?

A Community Supported Agriculture scheme is a relationship between farmers and people in the local community.

People become members of the CSA by buying a share of the harvest for the growing season, receiving a big box of delicious, fresh vegetables every week of the growing season.

All the produce is grown by us using organic methods and most of it harvested on the day of delivery.

In addition to a weekly veg box, members will also be invited to seasonal farm days, and we will offer free traineeships for people wanting to learn more about organic growing.

Why is it important?

By committing to support us for the growing season, members help make farming a more financially secure and enjoyable occupation, allowing young growers like ourselves to make a start and earn a living.

For Farmers a Community Supported Agriculture scheme offers a more predictable and secure income, lower risks and stronger relationships with the people who eat our produce.

In return members get fantastic quality vegetables at a fair price, and a relationship to the people and land that produce their food.

Would you like to join Southern Roots CSA and get a weekly box of vegetables from us this season?

Just contact us on info@southernrootsorganics.org for more information and we can get you signed up.

Any Questions?

Please contact us on info@southernrootsorganics.org or through our website www.southernrootsorganics.org

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£1 or more

£1 Reward

A muddy handed high five!

£5 or more

£5 Reward

A wheelbarrow full of juicy, nutrient filled compost tipped on a bed in your name.

£10 or more

£10 Reward

240 seeds sowed in your name.

£25 or more

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Southern Roots Organics badge, window sticker for your tractor, or a Southern Roots Organics postcard - you choose.

Estimated delivery: 31st May 2017

£50 or more

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Southern Roots Organics poster - illustration by Emma Brierley.

Estimated delivery: 31st May 2017

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£75 or more

£75 Reward

Southern Roots Organics tee-shirt.

Estimated delivery: 31st May 2017

£125 or more

4 of 15 claimed

£125 Reward

Day course learning the art of preserving and fermenting vegetables with Ian Fitzpatrick.

£150 or more

£150 Reward

Farm tour and gourmet lunch with produce from Southern Roots Organics.

£200 or more

£200 Reward

A personalised message of your choosing engraved on a squash, posted to your door.

Estimated delivery: 31st Oct 2017

£300 or more

£300 Reward

Southern Roots Organics tee-shirt, and a harvest season hamper.

Estimated delivery: 3rd Aug 2017

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£500 or more

£500 Reward

A one-day course on Organic food growing at our market garden, including a tractor driving lesson, and featuring a gourmet lunch of vegetables from the field and a Southern Roots Organics tee-shirt.

Estimated delivery: 29th Sep 2017

Over £200 million has been raised from our crowd to support the projects they love! Plus tens of millions more unlocked by our partners.

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