



Peace Pit Gowing Group Case Study

S2R's Peace Pit Growing Group has been running since 2017. These weekly sessions are run alongside staff from Kirklees Council with the aim of growing plants for parks and community greenspaces across the district. In addition to this, the site offers growing space to local community groups with a focus on strengthening these networks. Volunteers from S2R have been instrumental in shaping the setup at Peace Pit, and this year have helped form the new Kirklees Community Growing Group.

The site is situated at the Peace Pit Lane Council Depot and accessed via Old Fieldhouse Lane, off Leeds Road, by car, public transport or on foot along the Huddersfield Broad Canal. The group work out of a large polytunnel and a shade tunnel, plus a smaller greenhouse, as well as planters and beds where we are currently growing vegetables. Our contemplation garden has benches and a picnic table, surrounded by pots and planters, a rockery and two ponds.

We aim to boost participant's wellbeing through time spent in nature, sharing knowledge and connecting with others through a shared interest, as well as reinforcing local connections and giving important context to the work of our S2R volunteers. Many of our participants enjoy the social aspect of the group and we always make time for regular tea breaks!

Kirklees Community Growing Group:

As with any Council site, the future of Peace Pit is not set in stone. In 2025, the Kirklees Community Growing Group (KCGG) was established to act as an independent organisation, bringing together the many groups who use and benefit from Peace Pit, with a view to expanding our work in the future. In the short-term, we are working to improve access to the current site through extended opening hours and in turn maximising the benefit to the communities we serve.

New Shelter:

Over the last year, the group have been working with the Sustainable Living Research Centre at the University of Huddersfield. After consultation with volunteers and staff who use the site, a shelter was designed and constructed in collaboration with local company Actiform Ltd. Waste materials and offcuts from the building company were used, making this a particularly rewarding partnership. Watch a time lapse video of the process here: <https://youtu.be/M1HH-KNRZUg>.

What Our Participants Say:

"Peace Pit, it couldn't be more aptly named! I always feel restored coming here."

"It's satisfying knowing these plants might end up somewhere like Greenhead Park. We're helping to keep Huddersfield in bloom!"

"Things have changed a bit since I was last here. The ponds are great and so beneficial for wildlife!"

"I love coming to Peace Pit on a Monday, a great way to start the week!"