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Press Release

Local Food for Local People

A Thornbury group is starting up a new local food scheme. They are growing vegetables for about 200 people, starting in July. They call themselves Thornbury CSA, where CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture. They are holding a public meeting to explain the scheme and recruit more members on Wednesday 7 July at 7:30pm at the Chantry.

Spokesman Alan Pinder said “We have lots of good land round Thornbury, but we don’t grow much for local people. Schemes like this are springing up all round the country. We are really excited by this venture, and we hope lots more Thornbury people will want to be in at the beginning. Apart from being locally grown, the food will be biodynamically grown, which is organic plus a bit more.”

Around 50 households will be able to join Thornbury CSA which has been set up by Sustainable Thornbury and the Sheiling School in Thornbury to promote local food growing. Local people will be able to ensure that their food is grown using fewer chemicals, less imported animal feed, less packaging and virtually no food miles. The farmer will get a guaranteed market for the crop and there will be strong links between those growing the food and their customers.

The scheme is starting with vegetables, but there is the possibility in the future to grow fruit and even meat and dairy products. Management of the scheme will be done co-operatively by customers and growers. Anyone interested in finding out more about the scheme is invited to come to the meeting on Wednesday, look at the website at www.sustainablethornbury.org/CSA or email csa@sustainablethornbury.org or telephone 01454-416778.