



## Garden Organic's role, now and in the future

**Just think:**

- 100 years ago, the only way to garden was organically, and whether for a cottage garden or a country estate, gardeners were adept at making the most of their space, their climate, their earth.
- 70 years ago the focus changed, chemicals arrived en masse with the Second World War need to make every inch productive to maximum capacity.
- It was people of vision, like Lawrence Hills and early members who saw the fundamental unsustainability of this approach and what it would mean to lose our biodiversity.
- Now, nearly 60 years on, the value of and need for an organic approach is being recognised again. Garden Organic needs to be ready to support and inspire the next generation of organic growers and pioneers
- We need to show the sustainability and benefit of organic growing in practice.
- As we hear about children's lack of knowledge about where food comes from and the general lack of understanding of nutrition, Garden Organic needs to develop further and promote its work in a positive, encouraging way to inform and inspire future generations to get growing.
- We need to be fighting for sustainable systems and regulations that respect seed saving, biodiversity and the right to grow one's own food without chemicals or pollutants.



A gift in a Will to Garden Organic ensures you have a lasting role in our work and an investment in our development, our outreach and our commitment to a sustainable future. It will enable us to better meet our charitable objectives as we work towards achieving our goal.



# Supporting a sustainable future



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Leaving a gift in your Will to Garden Organic





Gifts given through Wills are extremely important to Garden Organic. All gifts, no matter how small, have a significant impact on the work we are able to achieve and the people we are able to reach. Garden Organic, the working name of the Henry Doubleday Research Association, stands as a lasting tribute not only to the work and vision of our founder, Lawrence Hills, but to all those who have contributed financially to that vision.

A gift in a Will is always a positive step for an organic future. They are given by people of foresight to help achieve something they are passionate about. Such a gift to Garden Organic is a sign of believing in an organic, sustainable future for our loved ones and our planet.

Your legacy gift could help us in one of many ways. Here are just a few examples:

#### Support people through our social and therapeutic growing projects.

Our social and therapeutic growing projects deliver profound, life-changing benefits to vulnerable adults and children, such as those with physical and mental illnesses, or learning or behavioural difficulties.

*A gift of **£5,000** would enable us to provide the equivalent of one day of social and therapeutic horticulture per week for a year for at least 36 young people with special educational needs.*

#### Protect heritage varieties.

Who knows what important elements the 800+ varieties in our Heritage Seed Library may have for future generations? The biodiversity of our collection has not been explored at all. Major work over several years would be required, but investigating every variety would require significant investment. And within the day to day management of this unique collection, we have a continuing need to replace equipment and resources.

***£1,500** would help us test and evaluate 15 vegetable varieties for possible inclusion in the Heritage Seed Library collection, safeguarding these for future generations. **£30,000** would provide up to date equipment in the library and outside in the growing areas.*

#### Develop or renew our demonstration gardens.

Ryton Organic Gardens, initially developed by our founder Lawrence Hills, is a continually evolving space designed to educate and inspire growers keen to do things 'the organic way'. As with all gardens, it requires continuous care and hard work.

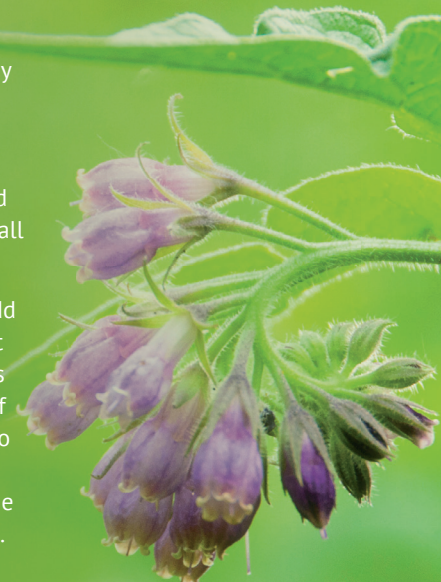
***£2,000** would enable us to refresh the planting in a designated area, **£20,000** would allow us to completely redevelop an area as a lasting tribute.*

## Leaving a gift to Garden Organic



There are several ways in which you can leave a lasting gift to Garden Organic. If you do not already have a Will, we would recommend contacting a solicitor for advice and to ensure what you do is legally binding. We have a Making a Will advice booklet available to help in this respect. Download a copy at [www.gardenorganic.org.uk/legacies](http://www.gardenorganic.org.uk/legacies) or call **024 7630 3517** to request one.

If you already have a Will and you would like to add a gift to Garden Organic, a simple way to change it is to ask your solicitor to prepare what is known as a Codicil. You will also need to decide what type of gift you would like to make, and how you want it to benefit the organisation – for our general work or for a particular part of it. We have full details of the different options within our Making a Will booklet.



#### Wording to help you leave a gift to Garden Organic in your Will.

If you would like to leave a bequest to Garden Organic, please take this page to your solicitor so they use the correct wording:

##### • Pecuniary gift (fixed amount) to Garden Organic

*"I give the sum of ..... pounds, free of all tax, to Garden Organic (working name of the Henry Doubleday Research Association) of Wolston Lane, Coventry CV8 3LG, registered charity number 298104. I direct that the receipt of the Chief Executive of the Association shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors."*

##### • Residuary gift (part of what's left after all specific gifts) to Garden Organic

*"I give to Garden Organic (working name of the Henry Doubleday Research Association) of Ryton Organic Gardens, Wolston Lane, Coventry CV8 3LG, registered charity number 298104, a ..... % share of my residuary estate for the general purposes of the Association. I direct that the receipt of the Chief Executive of the Association shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors."*

##### • Specific gift (for example a property or painting)

*I give to Garden Organic (working name of the Henry Doubleday Research Association) of Wolston Lane, Coventry CV8 3LG, registered charity number 298104, my ..... (name and description of item). I direct that the receipt of the Chief Executive of the Association shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors."*

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