

The Avery Hill Edible Garden.

Your unique asset to help you teach and your students learn and enjoy

The Community Edible Garden at Avery Hill campus is available for use by academics for teaching and research as well as for the wider community. The garden comprises many different areas that can be used in many ways to advance our student's research and learning potential.

The garden area of 1/4 hectare located behind David Fussey Sports Hall (Southwood Site) comprises two forest gardens, 15 raised beds, a pond and bog area, a polytunnel and is located beside a large meadow area. Seating for 24 is available around 3 tables plus other seating located around the garden areas.

The spaces can be used for example for: teaching, research, practical application of subject learning, team building and development. Spaces can be used for meetings, tutorials, seminars and even lectures (without Powerpoint!).

Teaching and research staff can use the tools and equipment available at the Garden (ensuring health and safety requirements are met). Also in discussion with the Edible Garden co-ordinator teaching/research plans can be developed to balance the needs of the teaching without negatively impacting on the garden.

The spaces are a haven for wildlife, have many different plant species grown for food/structure and fibre use and these can be used as a basis for learning, teaching and research.

For example Primary Education have used the space to practically enable students to apply their learning in a different unique and varied teaching environment. Architecture and civil engineering students could use the spaces in terms of utilising the structure that is growing in the garden to create their own 'organic' structures (using willow, bamboo and flax for example), staff throughout the Health departments can utilise it to illustrate the benefits of such spaces on physical and mental wellbeing, pharmaceutical sciences could illustrate the importance of nature in the synthesis of many of drugs used to treat illnesses etc.

The Garden can be utilised by every department in one way or another and is an asset that is adaptable to suit specific needs.



For further information:

[Edible Garden webpage](#) [Google Maps](#)

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