

# Welcome to Parkwood Forest Garden

- Parkwood Forest Garden is a beautiful calm space and a productive permaculture project. It is a young forest garden developed by Sheffield City Council in association with local volunteers.
- A forest garden is a productive managed woodland that is beneficial to both people in terms of produce and wildlife by way of habitat provision. A wealth of edible and medicinal produce can be organically grown: fruit, nuts, vegetables, herbs, spices and many more.
- A forest garden simulates a woodland edge ecosystem. It is a multi-storey garden comprising a 3-dimensional mosaic of tall canopy trees, smaller trees, shrubs, herbs, ground cover, a root zone and climbers - all forging mutually beneficial relationships.
- High productivity can be achieved by selective use of plants to maximise the use of the site conditions, light, nutrients and beneficial relationships. Compost created in the garden supplies nutrients along with nitrogen fixing plants (e.g. Alder trees), other plants that accumulate nutrients and mulch.
- Parkwood forest garden has been designed to need only a small amount of external input. It requires weeding, mulching & pruning, the compost pile needs managing and spreading and, best of all, there is often a lot of harvesting to be done. Other than digging up weeds, it involves a no-dig approach to gardening. It is, thus, a perfect project in which to engage volunteers on an ad-hoc and irregular basis.
- Parkwood Forest Garden is maintained by keen volunteers supported by SCC's Community Forestry team. We meet between 11am and 2pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month.
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