

RICHARD CLARE – ALLOTMENT CREDENTIALS

Started allotment in 1988. I rent two plots.

For 10 last years, helped to maintain 8 plots with friends.

Helped start and / or maintain more than 100 allotments .

1990-2 Set up Special Needs allotment with disabled access.

1992 Initiated the Healthy Gardening Group (and Chairman for 1 year)

1994 Initiated HGG Grants. Panel member for 3 years.

1996 Stood as Allotments candidate in local elections (Netherthorpe ward) and got 87 votes.

1997 I caught an arsonist who later admitted in court to burning down 80 allotment huts as well as Council depots and schools

1998 Set up Sheffield Organic Food Initiative (SOFI) as a charity to promote Organics, Biodynamics and Permaculture.

1999 Employed as Local Food Development worker

2000 Consultant to Sheffield Univ. (WAMTEC) / Sheffield Wildlife Trust Compost Plans.

Soil Contamination survey with Sheffield Univ Plant and Animal Sciences.

2001 Initiated the group which produced the Green Food Map of Sheffield
SOFI win Soil Association Organic Food Award - Best Community group
Open College Network -accredited course, Organic Culture and Cultivation

2000 –2003 Ran Organic Allotment Volunteering and Training Schemes funded by SCEDU / Futures Fund (SRB / ERDF)

1999 – 2003 SOFI invested £20,000 public funding in running projects on allotments.

2002 Contributed to SCC Allotments Strategy

2003 Managed the Womens' Organic Community Allotment

2002 - 4 Participated in THRIVE / Loughborough University research into therapeutic horticulture.

2005 Courses for 50 students.

External supervision for Community projects