

Plants for Free

These days, we tend to see plants and seeds as something we buy, rather than something we grow. Seed and plant production has been commercialised, and plants can be costly. However, plants we have raised ourselves, that are adapted to local conditions, are often more successful than those we buy. There are lots of different propagation methods, and it's easy to get lots more plants without spending any money at all!



Real Seeds have a helpful guide on [how to save your own seed at home](#).

Vital Seeds do an [in-depth online course](#), which you have to pay for, but which goes into a lot of detail.



The RHS have guides to taking [hard wood](#) and [soft wood](#) cuttings

The BBC have a detailed guide to [lifting and dividing various different plants](#).

A [guide to layering](#) can be found here.

Did you know...In the past 100 years, over 90% of varieties of food crops have been lost. Seed saving can help reverse this trend.

Looking for a seed swap locally? You can find a [list here](#).

A video on [bulb scaling](#) can be found on the Open University website.



To find out about future workshops at the Community Growing Project, visit the [Barnes Common Eventbrite page](#).

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