

The Warwick Jam Grove

“To forget how to dig the earth and to tend the soil is to forget ourselves.” Gandhi

As part of the new Strategy, the University of Warwick is committed to engaging staff, students and local communities, encouraging interaction and building connections. As the University expands and develops new buildings it is important to maximise and promote the use of green spaces across campus.

The University always strives to enhance the student and staff experience and green spaces are important for teaching, learning and wellbeing. There are several student societies involved in growing food and conserving woodland and the Jam Grove is to be a part of a wider project to promote staff and students to be involved in landscape projects AND build links with local people.



The Jam Grove is to be an ecopedagogy space where people are taught to reconnect and take responsibility of the environment. The space can be used for educational activities for local residents, schools, staff and students to change perceptions and raise awareness. Anyone can enjoy the area and help to develop and maintain the plants. In the long term there is the option for other sites to be developed and the Jam Grove will be part of an edible trail across Warwick Campus.

The overall concept relates to the successful Grow Warwick Campaign which used the arts to imagine what ‘growing local’ might mean in the West Midlands, in central England. It proposed imaginative ways to increase public knowledge about how our food is produced and to encourage changes in attitudes and behaviour around issues of food.

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/research/priorities/foodsecurity/themes/arts/growwarwick>

What are we planting?

Trees

Plum – ‘Opal’

Mirabelle – ‘Anulka’

Greengage – ‘Old Greengage’

Damson – ‘Shropshire Prune’

Quince – ‘Vranja’

Medlar – ‘Westerveld’



Shrubs



Blackcurrant – ‘Baldwin’,
‘Titania’, ‘Ben Lomand’

Gooseberries – ‘Hinnomaki Red’,
‘Captivator’ (green)

Rhubarb – ‘Timperley Early’,
‘Champagne’

We are looking for volunteers to help maintain the area. Please sign up or contact us if you are interested in being involved in this or future projects.

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