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Wilderness Foundation UK Community Allotments receive £1,000 "It's Your Community" Award

The Wilderness Foundation UK has successfully secured a grant of £1,000 from the Conservation Foundation and O2 "It's Your Community" scheme. The funds will be directed to the Community Allotments project run by the Wilderness Foundation UK in Chelmsford, Essex.

The Wilderness Foundation UK, through its Community Allotments programme aims to:

- Contribute socially to the local community, through providing opportunities to engage with nature and our neighbours;
- Encourage local people to enjoy growing their own organic produce;
- Provide a forum for young and old alike to learn about the natural world, through cultivation of food crops, growing wild flowers, grasses and saplings and the study of insects, mammals and aquatic species present on site;
- Establish a respect for, and appreciation of the environment;

Richard Corby, Project Manager of the Community Allotments said ***"I'm delighted that this important initiative has been recognised by the O2 'It's Your Community' scheme and that our project has ranked in the Top 15 Community Champions this year. This grant will enable us to build our new Heritage Vegetable and Climate Change gardens, which will be used by local schools, youth groups and adults from the community to learn about nature, the changing environment and the importance of good quality fresh fruit and vegetables as part of a healthy balanced diet."***

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