

Bute Produce CSA

Terms and Conditions

The proposed new scheme will have 100% produce from the garden, all grown to organic principles. We will continue to offer delivery on Thursdays and collection from the garden on Fridays.

The proposed model will follow a Community Supported Agriculture style. In this model, members of the scheme commit to paying a set amount as an annual contribution or monthly payment at a regular rate. This supports the full-time employment at Real Living Wage of our growers and the education and training that is delivered at the site involving our schools and people with barriers to employment.

Members will receive shares of the produce that is harvested from the garden. However, members will accept that there may be times in the year when no crops are harvested and therefore no box will be available for delivery or collection. There will be times when the share will be bountiful, and we will be able to make preserves and/or sell the excess through the 'click and collect' service we trialled in 2024.

There will be a change in how we communicate with you. It will be important to provide members with regular updates. We are not sure yet whether we will use a tool such as mail chimp, but a new e-newsletter will be put in place which provides members with:

- We will produce a Planting plan for the season indicating what crops we will grow and likely harvest period.
- What's in the box and recipes
- Updates on production and productivity to ensure you are aware of any gluts or gaps
- News on activities and events at Bute Produce so you can be more involved in the outcomes being achieved for our community
- Exclusive offers connected to our furniture reuse outlet ReStyle and e-bike scheme Bike Bute and Bute Produce extras such as jams, chutneys and honey.
- We grow to organic principles although not certified. We do not use any harmful chemical
 on site. Mulches, soil improvers and feeds are from local resources or where bought in will
 be organic.

It is our aim to produce fresh produce for as long a period as possible. We recognise that food security is becoming an important issue. However, crop failure is always a possibility due to weather, predation or plant diseases. Long season members recognise these risks and will support Bute Produce by sharing these risks of the whole year.



Long season – shares will range from minimum 3 different items with small portions to 10 items per box at height of season – see tiers below.

It is important that access to fresh, local produce is affordable. We have calculated the members share prices based on current purchasing patterns, household sizes, recognising type of box and frequency of purchase:

• Cherish member £200 per year or £18 per month

Cherish members will receive at least of 5 portions of different ingredients or 5kg of produce when available.

Esteem member £375 per year or £33 per month

Esteem members will receive at least 8 portions of different ingredients or 6kg of produce when available.

• Treasure member £525 per year or £46 per month

Treasure members will receive at least 10 portions of different ingredients or 7kg of produce when available.

The available payment methods for annual subscription are BAC's, Cheque, or Cash at our ReStyle outlet. The available payment methods for monthly subscription are Standing Order (set up and controlled by you), card payment over telephone, BAC's or cash/cheque at our ReStyle outlet. By signing up to annual or monthly subscription you will be supporting Bute Produce to become more sustainable, receive 100% Bute Produce ingredients and products, and reduce Bute's carbon footprint.

Annual payment should be made by 31st March each year. Monthly subscription on 1st day of the month in advance.

By signing up to Bute Produce CSA membership you are committing to the following:

- To pay an annual or monthly amount in return for a share of the crops produced
- Inform us, with 2 weeks advance notice of any changes to your circumstances, this includes:
 - Changing the type of membership you have subscribed to
 - Taking a break from the box for holiday you can nominate someone else to receive your box
 - Cancelling your membership

If you opt for delivery – this will take place on Thursday. If you opt for collection – this will take place on Friday between 10am – 3pm.