

*Stroud Seed Bank is made up of a team of volunteer seed guardians who grow and save seed locally in back gardens, allotments and community gardens. These seed are then packaged and distributed at events, markets and in shops from January to May of each year.*



## A Seed Bank in Chalford



Stroud has a centralised community seed bank and we want to help set up one in your area. Are you interested in saving seed for your community?

### Why save seed?

We want to grow local and heirloom varieties that taste fantastic, grow well in our local conditions and suit small scale production on allotments, and back gardens. We love the stories and connections that come with locally saved seeds – handed down through generations of a particular family, or passed from friend to friend.

### Why are we bringing this idea to Chalford?

Creating localised seed banks across Stroud will help to;

- increase the number of local seeds available to growers in your area
- increase the genetic diversity of your seed
- allow local adaptation, growing plants that are likely to thrive in your soils
- create a network of seed banks across Stroud, drawing upon the skills and passion of many local growers
- improve awareness of the importance of local seed banks



### Could you be a Seed Guardian?

We need seed guardians from your area so we can support you to set up your own seed bank.

If you are interested in knowing more and want to discuss how to become a seed guardian for your area, contact Beth on:

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