

New Entrants: Making Ideals A Reality



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Starting Out

Soil Association Apprenticeship 2008-2010
Started Grown Green @ Hartley Farm 2010
on approx 2 acres: cost £10,000/2 years
Rent approx 3.5 acres: 2 'fields', 4 large
tunnels, 2 small & 1
prop tunnel
Now sell to farm shops,
cafés, veg boxes,
Farm Drop



And Now...

Still investing, learning, growing
Turnover approx £21,000+
2018 & increasing
3 other part-time seasonal
workers 3.5 days/week
Networking key in finding
jobs, land, advice,
opportunities, market info,
seed/tool
recommendations...



Access To Land

Via Soil Association heard of 2 farm shops
looking for a grower

Local farmers, Transition/grower groups

Soil Association Land Trust

Biodynamic Land Trust

Ecological Land Co-op

Church of England

National Trust

Council farms

Estate agents



Access To Funding

Savings/job & slow start/Kanabus Fund
Specialist mortgage & lending banks:
Ecology, AMC, Triodos, Co-operative
Crowdfunding: Kickstarter, Buzzbnk CSA
Network

Charities: Esme Fairbairn,
Ashden Trust, Prince's
Countryside Fund Training:
Kindling Trust,
Plunkett Foundation, Lantra



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