

Down to Earth Stroud ... keeping it local

# **2025 SEED CATALOGUE**

All seed listed in this catalogue has been grown by our team of volunteer seed guardians, in and around Stroud, in back gardens, allotments and community projects. Our seeds are available for a donation and can be collected from these locations around Stroud — see page 21 of this catalogue for more details.

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#### Our seeds come with stories of the past, and a vision of the future

By growing and sharing seeds locally, we are part of a worldwide movement that is protecting our plant heritage while growing both local and global resilience. We are learning new skills, making new friends, all the while gaining a deeper satisfaction from our gardening. We hope that you will enjoy joining us on this journey! For more on the seed bank and how to get involved, see the back pages of this catalogue.

And our thanks to the many people who contributed seeds for the forthcoming growing year.

#### Welcome to Stroud Community Seed Bank's seed catalogue

All our seed has been grown and harvested in 2023 and 2024. It is not treated or coated, and is all open pollinated – which means you can grow plants and save your own 'true to type' seed from them.

To keep consistency of quality, we ask that every person who donates seed should attend one of our workshops which set out the basics of seed saving. Please see the contact details at the back of this catalogue and be in touch. Beginners, and experienced growers welcome.

The seed packets we use are paper and so biodegradable.

#### This year's seed harvest

Whatever the seasonal weather brings, there will always be some vegetables that thrive while others struggle. 2024 was remarkable for being wet and cool – which suited brassicas, rocket, runner beans, peas, chard, strawberries and onions. Tomatoes were unusually difficult and slow to fruit, as were French beans.

Most gardeners found slugs and snails frustrating this year; these are food for other creatures, so the more organic, ecological and diverse your plot the greater chance nature will lend a helping hand. Another helping hand is provided that our seeds – because they are grown and saved by our community, they are locally adapted to this area, our soil and topography, and so have a head start on other seed.





Beans usually store well and last more than one season.

#### Our three-year programme

We have started a three-year growing programme to promote our seed security in case of crop failures.

Three-year-old seed is still fresh and viable and allows us to supply locally saved seeds whatever the weather.

**Note** Some crops require fresh seed (such as parsnips and parsley) and seed lasting only two years (onions and leeks).

# Veggie news

#### **Inedible Veg**

A few years ago, people found the courgettes they had grown were bitter tasting. Mr Fothergills Seeds realised there was a significant problem with the seed stock for these courgettes, which must have crossed with something – they warned gardeners not to eat courgettes grown from these seeds.

At the time it was not known why this had happened, now it transpires ornamental gourds had crossed in a seed farm. Stroud Seed Savers don't save from cucurbits (courgette family) unless we are sure they have not crossed.

### **Deliberate Crossing**

On a recent visit to Oxton Organics one of our members saw a beautiful field planting of Red Curled Kale with Tuscan Kale, plus intermediate crosses of many different leaf shapes and colours from rich burgundy and shades of deep teal. These plants were simply allowed to cross pollinate, the seed collected and sown the following year. Beautiful and delicious.

# Food Resilience in the UK

Food resilience is the 'ability to bounce back from or adapt to shocks', in this case food disruption of any kind. In 2020 our 'just in time' food system nearly failed and showed that supply in the UK is vulnerable. In addition, garden centres closed and people suddenly realised how important seeds are when you wish to grow your own food – not surprisingly, the Stroud Seedbank seeds were in high demand!

Four years later, seeds are easy to buy and we have less time for growing food. But Stroud Seedbank still has a concern, which few politicians share, about seed availability. Food resilience was barely mentioned in the Government Resilience Framework 2022 or, out of 89 threats, in the 2023 National Risk Register.

The good and inspiring news is that in the UK and across the world, food resilience is taken very seriously as well as accessibility, sovereignty, affordability and quality. Concerned organisations include the Sustainable Food Trust and Gaia Foundation.

For us at the Seedbank, resilience starts with the tiny, life-filled seed. And we are not alone.

- There are seed libraries across the world like Garden Organic's Heritage Seed Library.
- There are also small seed companies like Vital Seeds, the Real Seed Company, Tamar Seeds and Winnow Farm Seeds.
- Companies like Hodmedods are reintroducing old British pulses.
- And, of course, the world-wide voluntary community Seedbanks like us, the amazing Community Supported Agriculture Schemes (CSAs) such as Local Community Market Gardens here in Stroud and community growing schemes like those run through Down to Earth.

These Carlin peas came from Hodmedods – they can be used as a UK-grown substitute for chickpeas.



Information about the skills of saving seeds can be found at Garden Organic, Gaia Foundation, Vital Seeds and www.diyseeds.org

# Seeding a New Group

## by Zoe

Winchcombe Seedsavers is a spin-off group from the Stroud Seed Bank. Although I live in Winchcombe, I was welcomed into the Stroud Seed Bank and attended the seed saving workshop. Inspired by this, I ran a workshop in Winchcombe and so the Winchcombe Group was formed. There have been several workshops since, and talks to local groups, and we have a small but dedicated group of seedsavers.

Our group was given a plot at the new Community Allotment free of charge, which generates quite a lot of our seeds. Unlike in Stroud, our main distribution outlet is the yearly Seedswap which we run one Saturday in February, with leftover seeds going to the Community Allotment.

Thank you to Stroud Seedbank for your ongoing support.

# In order of appearance, our 2025 catalogue contains

Climbing French Beans Other Beans Peas Tomatoes Lettuce Other Veg Herbs Flowers

# **VEGETABLES**

#### **CLIMBING FRENCH BEANS**

Sow: May Plant: June Harvest: July–October

# Blauhilde

Grown by Hannah; Kings Stanley

A reliable, attractive plant which produces purple beans continuously over a long period from July to October. They can be eaten in salads or cooked (when they turn dark green).

# Borlotti

Grown by Jackie; Summer Street Allotments

Climbing French bean. Red pods when ripe, containing red beans with white speckles. You can save the beans to dry or eat the whole pods when fresh.

# Bridgwater

Grown by Jane and Heather; Stratford Road Allotments and Horsley

Reliable crops of medium flat pods, green mottled with dark purple, cooks green. Can be eaten fresh or used like borlotti and dried. Beans pale pink with dark random markings. Given to Jane Brown more than 30 years ago at her allotment in Bridgwater, Somerset by an older grower.

# **Cherokee Trail of Tears**

Grown by Amanda

There is some diversity within the different batches of these beans — the pod colours range from green and purple speckled, to solid purple. The beans inside are black.

Can be eaten as fresh green beans, or the seeds can be dried for use in soups and stews, or for making refried beans.

Growing beans in containers can help keep pests at bay, but watering can be an issue.



#### Mother's Six Weeks (from Heritage Seed Library, HSL)

Grown by Jane; Stratford Road Allotments

Very early and prolific, even when the weather is hot. Coped with poor weather this last year. Grows to 2.4m high. Vigorous, with large, flat, green pods which can be eaten fresh or dried. White beans.

# Mrs Fortune's (from HSL)

Grown by Jane; Stratford Road Allotments

Vigorous and early climbing French bean. 2 to 2.5m. Pale blue flowers with green and blue mottled pods, stringless with white beans and purple markings. Fresh or dried.

# Neckargold

Grown by unknown

This yellow bean is related to Blauhilde (also in this catalogue). They are vigorous climbers which can reach 2 metres, so make sure you give them good support.

# Trebona

Grown by Jane; Stratford Road Allotments

Late cropping, wide flat green pods with white beans. Can be dried to eat like small butterbeans.



Neckargold beans crop well.

# **OTHER BEANS**

Dwarf French Bean, Brown Soldier (originally from HSL)

Grown by Jane; Stratford Road Allotments

Old drying bean. Named for the brown markings on the whitish beans. White flowers, producing oval pods to be eaten fresh or dried.

# Runner Bean, variety unknown

Grown by Jane; Cainscross

The original beans were given to me by a friend of a friend. Vigorous plants give large, tasty runner beans. More reliable than French beans in wet or cold weather such as that of 2024.



Two crops (broad beans and potatoes) were grown together, in the hope that if one failed the other would survive. In fact, both thrived.

# Broad Bean, Aquadulce 'Claudia'

Grown by Jackie; Summer Street Allotments

Grows to 1m with 2 or 3 branches. Can be sown sow in Autumn for flowering and fruiting in the Spring. Long pods of delicious white beans. Award of Garden Merit from RHS.

# PEAS

Sow: February–June Harvest: June–October

### Blauwschokker

Grown by Jane; Stratford Road Allotments

A medium height heritage pea with pink and purple flowers which develop into purple pods with green peas. These can be picked immature as mangetout, or left to mature and used fresh or dried.

# Carlin

Grown by Jane; Stratford Road Allotments

Originally from a packet of Hodmedods peas. This is a drying pea from Northeast England with a firm texture and nutty flavour. Can be used as a British Chickpea substitute (helps you save food miles). Grows to 1.2m.



Jeyes pea, growing in a container. This can be a good way of growing peas in a small back garden.

#### Jeyes (from HSL)

Grown by Jane; Stratford Road Allotments

A heavy crop of large, sweet green peas and pods. 1.5m tall with white flowers. Sold by Seed Merchants Messrs Jeyes of Northampton – the same Mr Jeyes who invented Jeyes Fluid. Jane, who grew the pea, is from Northampton. She even stayed at his

grandson's Airbnb this year, a delightful inheritor of peas and a beautiful home! Sow for an early crop of fresh, frozen or dried peas.

# **Purple Princess Mangetout**

Grown by Zoe; Winchcombe

Bred by amateur pea breeder Andy Davice of Oxford for distribution by community seedsavers. A tall pea (I grew it over an arch), prolific, with small, very sweet pods (don't leave them too long). Great to eat raw.

# TOMATOES

Sow: February–March (inside) April–May (outside) Harvest: July–October

Unless otherwise stated, all our tomatoes are indeterminate, cordon varieties, and need staking and side shoots pinching out.

One way of saving tomato seed is to spread out cleaned seed on absorbent paper until it dries. Some of our tomato seed comes still attached to its paper – a good way of ensuring you don't lose any.

# Aztek Dwarf

Grown by Zoe; Winchcombe

A Czech balcony variety which grows to about 12 inches, so suited for small spaces. Has sweet yellow cherry fruit. Aztek fruits early and continues to do so for a surprisingly long time if kept watered and fed.

# Beefsteak, Unknown

Grown by Jane; Cainscross in greenhouse Medium fruit, pinkish red from unknown origin. Delicious!

# **Black Cherry**

Grown by Fran; Burleigh

Vigorous cherry tomato, which ripens to dark purple. Tall growing plants are vigorous and healthy. Good tasting fruit and keeps going well into autumn. Open pollinated variety.

# Goldkrone

Grown by Zoe; Winchcombe

Zoe says 'These are my favourite yellow cherry tomato due to their sweet and flavoursome taste. I grow them outside.'



### **Mexican Honey**

Grown by

Jane; Cainscross greenhouse and outside

One of our seed savers was given a few seeds by a French family connection. 'It is absolutely delicious, sweet and amazing, when allowed to fully ripen on the vine (don't be tempted to pick too soon)'. Skin can be a bit tough, but the taste is worth it. Small to medium sized fruit. Open pollinated variety. Very popular (and expensive) in the USA!

Mexican Honey tomatoes.

Plants from our lettuce seed mix. Growing different varieties allows for unpredictable weather – at least one variety will probably like what the weather does that year.



# LETTUCE

Sow lettuce February onwards (indoors) or after frosts (outdoors). Not generally winter hardy

# Bughatti

Grown by Heather; Horsley

A dark red Oakleaf lettuce that is very slow to bolt. Early, sweet, and beautiful.

### Cantarix

Grown by Zoe and Heather; Winchcombe and Horsley

A good all-year-round lettuce suitable for autumn sowing in a sheltered spot to

overwinter. Voluminous, wide dark-red oak leaf fading to green in the centre. Good resistance to aphids and disease, slow to bolt. Cut and come again heads.

# Mixed

Grown by

Fran, Heather and Sally; Burleigh, Horsley and Tetbury

A mixture of seeds which come from plants that have proved their worth in our different gardens. Grow as small cut and come again leaves or as heads to cut whole.

Flowering lettuce plant, on its way to seed production.



# **OTHER VEG**

#### Broccoli, sprouting (may have crossed with other brassicas)

Grown by Annie; Whiteshill

Sprouting broccoli has a long harvesting season. If you time your seed sowing, you can harvest it from autumn through to early summer the following year. It is extremely hardy.

### **Bucks-horn Plantain or Star Grass**

Grown by Jane; Stratford Road Allotments

Sow: January–April (indoors) or March onwards (direct) Harvest: 8 weeks from sowing

Originally from Chiltern Seeds, this is an heirloom plant from Italy. Grows in clumps of slender green leaves, like jagged grass, with little 'horns' on the tops, 6" tall. Harvest young when leaves are most tender and new growth will come. Repeat sow as it runs to seed easily; very good in pots.

# Chard, Rainbow

Grown by Jane; Stratford Road Allotments

A variety of colours, very hardy and very easy to grow. Pick the leaves from early summer right through autumn and into winter. Plants left in over winter will grow again in early spring to give you one more picking before going up to seed.

# **Chop Suey Greens**

Grown by

Jane and Heather; Stratford Road Allotments and Horsley

Very easy to grow. Edible member of Chrysanthemum family, 1m high. Sow in spring and late summer by broadcasting in small blocks, harvest when about 10cm high. Use sparingly in salads and stir fries as strong and tasty. Daisy flowers are also appreciated by pollinators.



Chop Suey Greens.

# Horn of Plenty or Doucette d'Alger

#### Grown by Zoe; Winchcombe

Delicious, tender green bush 30cm tall. A distant relative of Lamb's Lettuce, with larger leaves. Makes a good salad in the summer heat. Numerous lilac flowers are loved by bees. A new one to add to your summer foraging!

## Kale, mixed (mostly Cavalo Nero)

Grown by Marianne; Stratford Road Allotments

May have crossed slightly with others on the plot, but will give good green leaves. This is the Tuscan Kale with long very dark and bubbly leaves packed with goodness.

#### Kale, Red Russian (may have crossed with other brassicas)

Grown by Annie; Whiteshill

Medium plants with lovely ragged leaves, glaucous green with pink/red ribs especially when young. The young leaves are good raw in salads.

# Kale, Uncle Bert's Purple

Grown by Fran; Burleigh

Easy to grow. Best the spring after sowing when the leaves and flower shoots rival those of Sprouting Broccoli.

# Lamb's Lettuce

Grown by Jane; Stratford Road Allotments

Also known as Corn Salad, Lamb's Lettuce has small spoon-shaped dark leaves and a distinctive, tangy flavour. It can be used raw in salads or steamed as a vegetable. Lamb's lettuce is at its best from May to November. Often survives frosts for foraging in mild winters.

# Land Cress

Grown by Jane; Stratford Road Allotments

Sow: March–August (direct) or September for overwintering. Harvest all year

Quite large leaves, peppery but not excessively so, great addition to salads. Self-seeds very easily. Often survives frosts for winter foraging. Grows well in a windy north facing garden.

# Leaf Beet

Grown by Fran; Burleigh

Leaf beet (or perpetual spinach) can be picked continuously through to the autumn months and will often over-winter to produce useful greens in the hungry gap. Useful on dry soil, where true spinach runs to seed.

Leeks produce copious seeds, but you need to be very sure they haven't crossed with other allium relatives.



## Leek, mixed varieties

Grown by Jane and Anna; Stratford Road Allotments

Sow: Feb or Mar (in seed beds or trays). Plant out when pencil thick in June or July for autumn and winter harvest. This is a mixture of varieties that have grown well in Stroud and produced healthy plants – and seed.

# Parsnip, Thrupp

Grown by

Amanda, Jane and Heather; Thrupp, Stratford Road Allotments and Horsley

The official variety of this parsnip has been lost in the mists of time, but we have multiple seed guardians now saving this parsnip seed from different plots around Stroud. Generally, the parsnip produced is quite large and well-shaped however, the stony and often poor soils of Stroud District can produce forked and miscellaneous results.

# Squash, winter, Buttercup

Grown by Fran; Burleigh

A dark green skinned variety. Keeps well into winter. Grows well even in my windy north-facing garden, unlike other squashes.

# Squash, winter, Uchiki Kuri

Grown by Heather; Horsley

A thin skinned orange coloured variety; it looks rather like a small pumpkin. The flesh is firm with a delicate chestnut-like flavour.

#### Borage flowers.

# **HERBS**

For sowing and growing instructions we suggest you consult a good book or website. Different herbs require very different treatment and we don't have room here to give you all the details.

### Borage

Grown by Jane; Cainscross

Cucumber-flavored leaves can be used for tea and bright, starry blue flowers for decorating salads.

All parts, except the roots, are flavorful and have culinary or medicinal uses. Loved by bees. Annual.

## Fennel, herb

Grown by Fran and Jane; Burleigh and Stratford Road Allotments

A fresh aniseed taste that works well in salads or with fish. The seeds can also be brewed into tea. Fennel is hardy and once established will come back year after year. Just cut it back in the winter and it will grow back in the spring. Perennial.

# Parsley, curly-leaved

Grown by Jane and Fran; Stratford Road Allotments and Burleigh

Very good flavour and stays green and edible even into frosty weather. Annual/ biennial.

# Parsley, mixed varieties

Grown by Sally; Tetbury

Flat-leaf or Italian parsley has a more robust flavour than the curly variety. Annual/ biennial.

# Sweet Cicely

Grown by Jane; Stratford Road Allotments

An attractive flowering plant, with an aniseed taste and fragrance. It is noted for attracting wildlife and is one of the first nectar plants to appear in spring, so it is valuable to bees and other pollinators. Use the leaves to sweeten stewed fruit and make tea from the seeds. Perennial.



# **FLOWERS**

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## Allium, Purple Sensation

Grown by Jane; Stratford Road Allotments

Seeds need a period of stratification over winter. Round heads of bright purple in May/Jun; loved by bees. Herbaceous perennial.

## Antirrhinum, mostly dark cerise

Grown by Jane; Cainscross

The wonderful Snapdragon! Favourite of bees and all! Annual.

# Aquilegia, mixed colours

Grown by Jane; Cainscross

Spring flowering, good for wildlife, and attracts the insects which are needed to pollinate fruit and vegetables. Perennial.

# Briza Maxima or Greater Quaking Grass

Grown by unknown

Delicate, erect annual grass, 60cm with a tuft of leaves and graceful, hearted-shaped seed heads that shake in the wind. Annual.

# Calendula Officinalis or Pot Marigold

Grown by

Jane, Heather and Fran; Stratford Road Allotments, Horsley and Burleigh

Wonderful bright orange daisy-like flowers: petals can be eaten in salads, dried heads (or fresh) make a medicinal tea. Roots believed to deter cabbage root fly. Very hardy. Annual.

> Calendula – a wonderfully resilient plant, and good for wildlife.



### Cerinthe or Honeywort

Grown by Jane; Cainscross

Gorgeous silvery blue-green leaves and rich purple blue flowers loved by bees. May to August. Annual.

# Clary Sage

Grown by Fran; Burleigh

Up to 1m tall, with scented leaves, and mauve or pink flowers in late spring through to autumn. Likes moist but well-drained soil and full sun – though it can tolerate partial shade. Biennial or short-lived perennial.

### Corncockle or Agrostemma githago

Grown by Heather; Horsley

A lovely wildflower, reddish purple, attractive to bees and hoverflies – large and easy to grow; flowers abundantly for weeks in summer. Grow in poor, well-drained soil in full sun. Annual.

#### Evening Primrose or Oenothera biennis

Grown by Jane; Cainscross

Tall (up to 150cm), downy, branching stem with large lemon slightly scented flowers opening at the top in evenings. Flowers Jun to Sept. Biennial.



Corncockle.

### Forget-me-not or Myosotis

Grown by Jane; Stratford Road allotments

Bright blue flowers in mid spring, a real treat, and the bees like them too. Annual.

# Foxglove or Digitalis purpurea

Grown by Fran and Jane; Burleigh and Stratford Road Allotments Pink and white flowers beloved by bees and other pollinators. Biennial.

### Hollyhock or Alcea rosea

Grown by Jane and Tony; Stratford Road Allotments and Northamptonshire

The mixed seed includes lots of pinks, cream, reds and a very dark maroon. Tall plants, good for pollinators. Biennial or short-lived perennial.

#### Honesty or Lunaria annua

Grown by Jane; Cainscross

Purple-mauve flowers attractive to pollinators and papery seed heads good in flower arrangements. Biennial.

# Love-in-a-Mist or Nigella

Grown by Hannah; Kings Stanley

Lovely light blue flowers and stunning seed heads. Likes neglected, damp patches. Annual.

## Nasturtium or Tropaeolum

Grown by Jane; Stratford Road Allotments

Creeping plant with trumpet flowers. Bees love them and they will attract the cabbage butterflies to eat them instead of your brassicas. Colours are likely to be apricot, bright red, orange and golden yellow. Annual.

# Poppy, Californian

Grown by Jane; Stratford Park

Sprawling blue-grey feathery foliage (30cm) with stunning orange flowers and unusual seed pods. All summer flowering into autumn. Annual.

# Poppy, large, red, double

Grown by Jane; Stratford Road Allotments

What it says on the packet – a large red double-flowered poppy. Annual.



Californian Poppy.

# Poppy, Opium or Papaver somniferum

Grown by Jane; Stratford Road Allotments

Poppy seeds heads are beautiful so it's easy to let them go to seed in the garden. Once the seed pods have dried turn them upside down over a paper bag to catch the seeds or sprinkle them around the garden wherever you want poppies to grow. Purple and red. These poppy seeds can be used in bread or cakes. Annual.

## Poppy, Oriental or Papaver orientalis

Pink with a black centre. Grows to 90cm high, with bristly stems and finely divided, dark green, hairy leaves. Much loved by bees. Perennial.

# Poppy, Welsh

Found by Jane in Stroud town

Delicate light orange flowers on an upright stem. Neat bushy plant 30cm, grows in shade in spring. Will self-seed generously if it likes its position. Annual.

# Purple Toadflax or Linaria purpurea

Grown by Jane; Cainscross

Upright plant of blueish leaves with slender spikes of clusters of purple flowers loved by bees. Up to 1m high and flowers all summer. Short-lived perennial.

## Sisyrinchium striatum

Grown by Jane; Cainscross

Clumps of narrow, grey-green, sword-like leaves in a famous 'fan' shape. Strong dense spikes of creamy yellow flowers mid to late summer, 45cm high. Needs full sun. Short-lived hardy perennial.

# Sunflower, large

Grown by Heather; Horsley

The seed comes from a variety of sunflower which produces very large heads. You can eat the seeds, feed them to the birds (just put out a whole dried head) or save the seed to grow more sunflowers next year. Annual.

# Sunflower, multi-headed

Grown by

unknown

A lovely reliable plant with multiple heads. Annual.

Multi-headed Sunflower.



### Sweet Rocket or Hesperis matronalis

Grown by unknown

Likes moist, well-drained soil. Readily self-seeds, so is perfect for naturalising in a wildlife garden. Very fragrant. Flowers are edible and also good as cut flowers. Biennial or short-lived perennial.

# Tritelia

Grown by Jane; Stratford Road Allotments

Lovely delicate plant with clusters of funnel-shaped blue flowers in early summer. Strap leaves grow after the flowers. Will naturalise if happy in an open, well drained or even dry spot. 15cm. Perennial. Forms small bulbs.

# Wallflower, red and orange

Grown by Jane; Northamptonshire

Familiar wallflower with orange and yellow flowers and wonderful scent. Biennial (grow in Year 1 and plant out for flowering in Year 2).



Wallflowers.

# How to Get Hold of Our Seed

We distribute our seeds at five locations around Stroud, all of them doing spectacular work to support their community. Please visit their websites or Facebook pages for opening times.

#### **Chalford Community Shop**

Chalford Village Shop is a co-operative run by volunteers providing fresh local produce and services, supporting local enterprise, and creating a social and information hub at the heart of the village.

Tankards Spring, High Street, Chalford, Stroud GL6 8DJ https://chalfordshop.wordpress.com

### **Horsley Community Shop**

Now in its second decade, they are the hub of the community. An award winning, volunteer run, village shop.

The Pavilion, Priory Fields, Horsley, Stroud GL6 OPT http://horsleyshop.co.uk

#### Loose Plastic Free Shop

A small but perfectly formed shop offering a range of unpackaged food (mostly organic) plus a selection of other useful household and personal care items.

33 High Street, Stroud GL5 1AJ http://looseplasticfree.co.uk

### The Long Table

The Long Table aims to give everyone in the community access to great food and people to eat it with. Meals, drinks, events ...

The Long Table, Brimscombe Mill, Stroud GL5 2SA https://www.thelongtableonline.com

### **Ruscombe and Whiteshill Village Shop**

Sells a vast selection of frozen items, tinned and dry groceries, crisps and snacks, cold meat, tea, coffee, cereals, grains, pasta, drinks, as well as arts and crafts.

Lower Street, Whiteshill, Stroud GL6 6AN http://www.whiteshillvillageshopandcafe.co.uk

# 2025 Events

#### Potato Day – Saturday 1st February

There won't be seeds available here, but there will be plenty of potatoes! The day is run by our parent organisation, Down to Earth.

Time: 8.30am—2pm Location: Stroud Farmers Market

#### Stroud Community Seedbank at Trinity Rooms Repair and Eco Cafe – Sunday 23rd February

The Seedbank will have a presence at the February Repair and Eco Café. Come and see the seeds we have available this year and take what you want in exchange for a donation. Drinks, snacks and lunch available.

Time: 11am—2pm Location: Trinity Rooms, Field Road, Stroud GL5 2HZ

# How to Donate your Saved Seed

Every November, at our annual Harvest Gathering, we bring seeds and seed savers together to share stories of the growing year. We then collect the seeds, take our share, and packet up the rest for the next year's distribution. If you'd like to donate seed and want to be invited to the Harvest Gathering in 2025, email the seedbank (see contact details below).

# **Contact the Seed Bank**

Email seedbank@downtoearthstroud.co.uk www.downtoearthstroud.co.uk/seed-saving Facebook @stroudcommunityseedbank

