

THE REAL FOOD GARDEN THE REAL FOOD GARDEN KITCHEN & STORAGE CONTAINERS

CIRCULAR ECONOMY & ENVIRONMENTAL GROWTH

INTRODUCTION

The Real Food Garden is a producer of fresh vegetables and vegetable boxes. On their 1-acre market garden near Bodmin they grow high quality vegetables using organic, no-dig growing techniques which help improve the soil and foster biodiversity. The business supplies households, markets, restaurants and shops in mid-Cornwall.

Support from Tevi identified an opportunity to rethink wasted vegetables by turning them into added value products, such as preserves and pickles. In order to do this it was proposed that installing a new vegetable preparation, packing and storage facility using two second hand 40ft, customised shipping containers would be required. One container used as a vegetable preparation and packing area with the second container being partitioned to allow one half will be used as insulated, secure, temperature-controlled vegetable store and the other side to be used as an on-site shop.



GRANT AWARDED

£10,076.21

Two 40ft shipping containers fabricated & customised to provide a food storage and preparation area.

IMPACT SUMMARY

This project supports both the development of Cornwall's circular economy as well as contributing to the county's Environmental Growth Strategy. Minimising waste production and maximising business resources through the development of new products to market has enabled waste materials to be developed into added value products for the business. By increasing the quality and productivity of the environment through the use of organic farming practices and the beneficial impact on soil health and productivity of the environment this provides contributes to Cornwall's Environmental Growth Strategy.

The Real Food Garden are now able to offer an educational programme to the public covering aspects of food preservation, and enhancing Cornwall's environmental skills base with modules on food security and supply chains.

BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

"The expertise Tevi were able to offer greatly helped us to identify ways in which we could ensure sustainable business growth that achieved all our ambitions of re-thinking waste products, providing new products to market and sharing knowledge and skills to others".

*Chloe Bines
(Owner)*

