



# London: A growing city

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20 years  
**sustain**  
the alliance for better food and farming

# Overview

- Achievements
- Policy Context
- Programmes
- Grassroots activity



# 2,012 Spaces

**2006 - 2008**  
 2006 - London Food Strategy  
 2007 - Idea for project in London developed  
 June 2008 - London Food Link food growing conference held  
 November 2008 - Capital Growth launched

December 2009  
 First London-wide grants round

April 2010  
 Training site in The Regent's Park launched

June 2010  
 First schools competition

September 2010  
 First Edible Open Gardens day

November 2010  
 London-wide grants round

January 2011  
 £1000 for the 1,000th space competition

May 2011  
 Flash Grow - giveaway of 100,000 tomato plants in Trafalgar square

June 2011  
 1,000th space announced

July 2011  
 London-wide grants round

February 2012  
 Grow for Gold competition launched

March 2012  
 The first Big Dig event to attract new volunteers

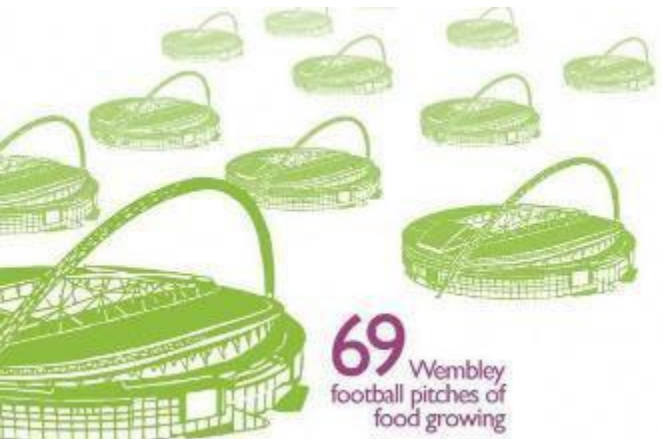
September 2012  
 First Urban Food Week

website visits

March 2009

TIME →

December 2012



**69** Wembley football pitches of food growing



**99,000**  
 people involved



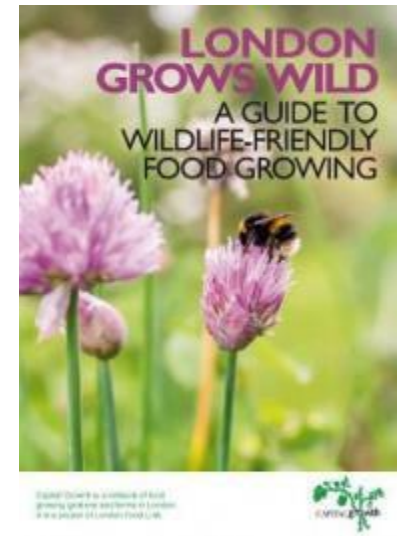
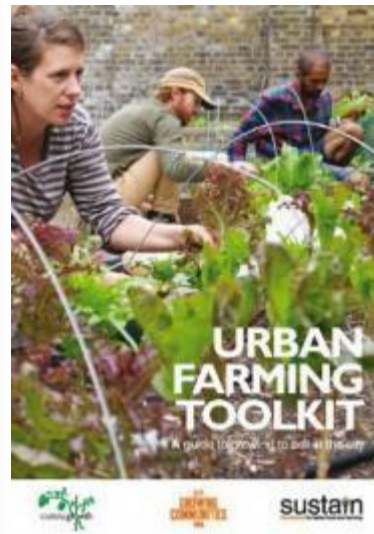
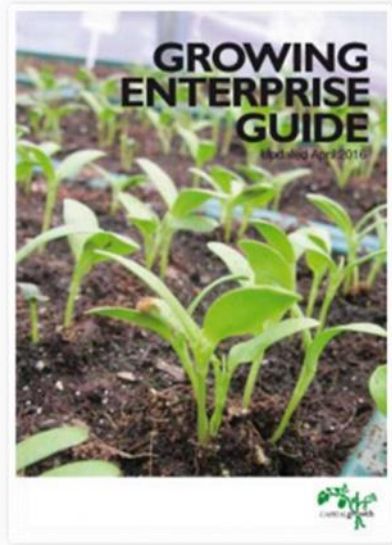
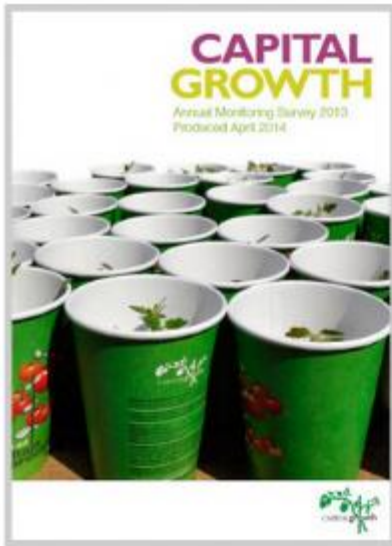
**35%**  
 of our projects in schools



**20%**  
 of our projects on housing estates



**66%**  
 of our projects on previously unused, derelict or inaccessible land



Sharing knowledge



# Transforming spaces: Cranbrook Community Garden





**Growing Communities**



**Keats Organics**



**Helping Peri-urban Farming**

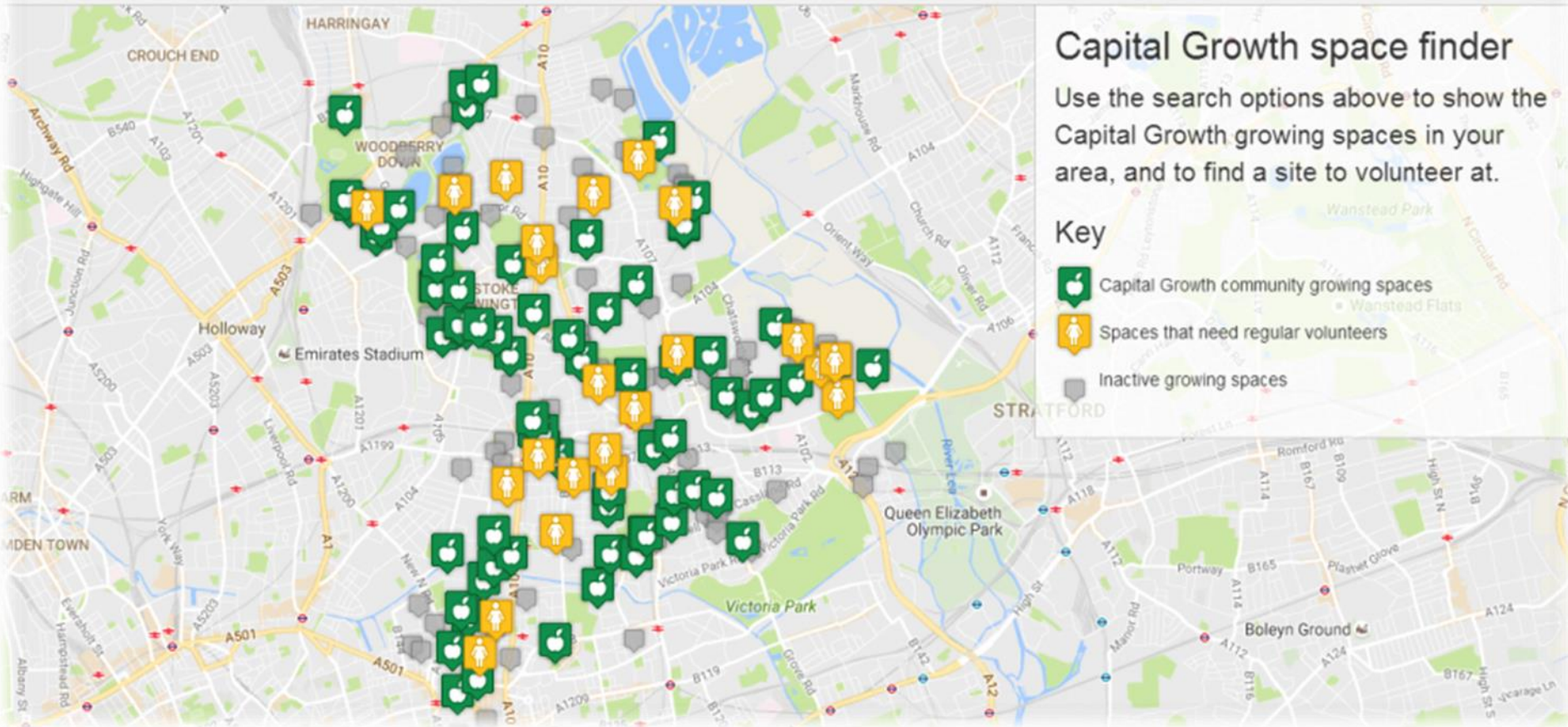


**Forty Hall**



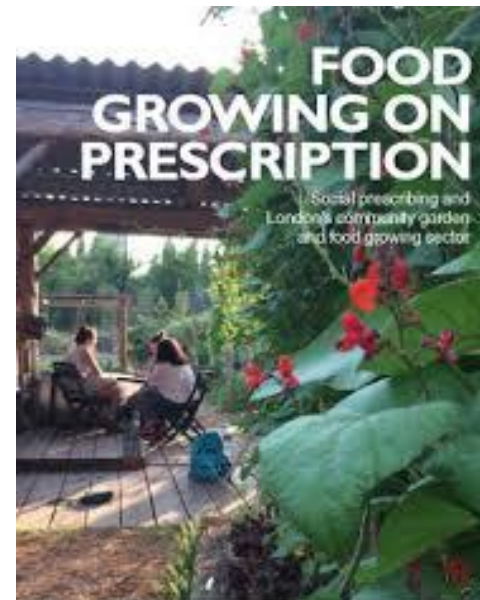
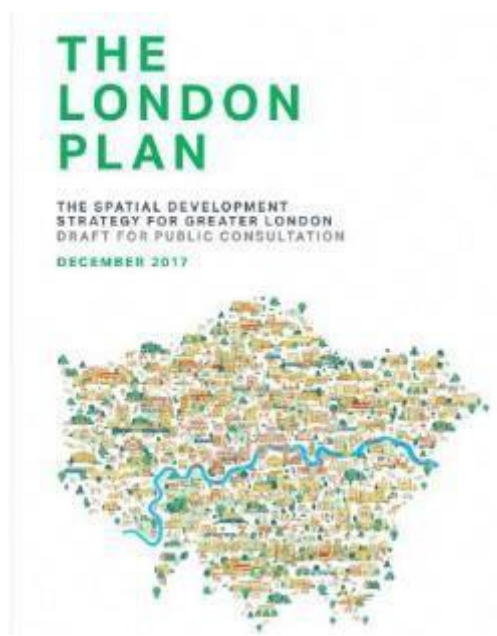
**Grow to Sell: Enterprising ideas**

All gardens  Volunteers needed  Garden type  Hackney  Postcode



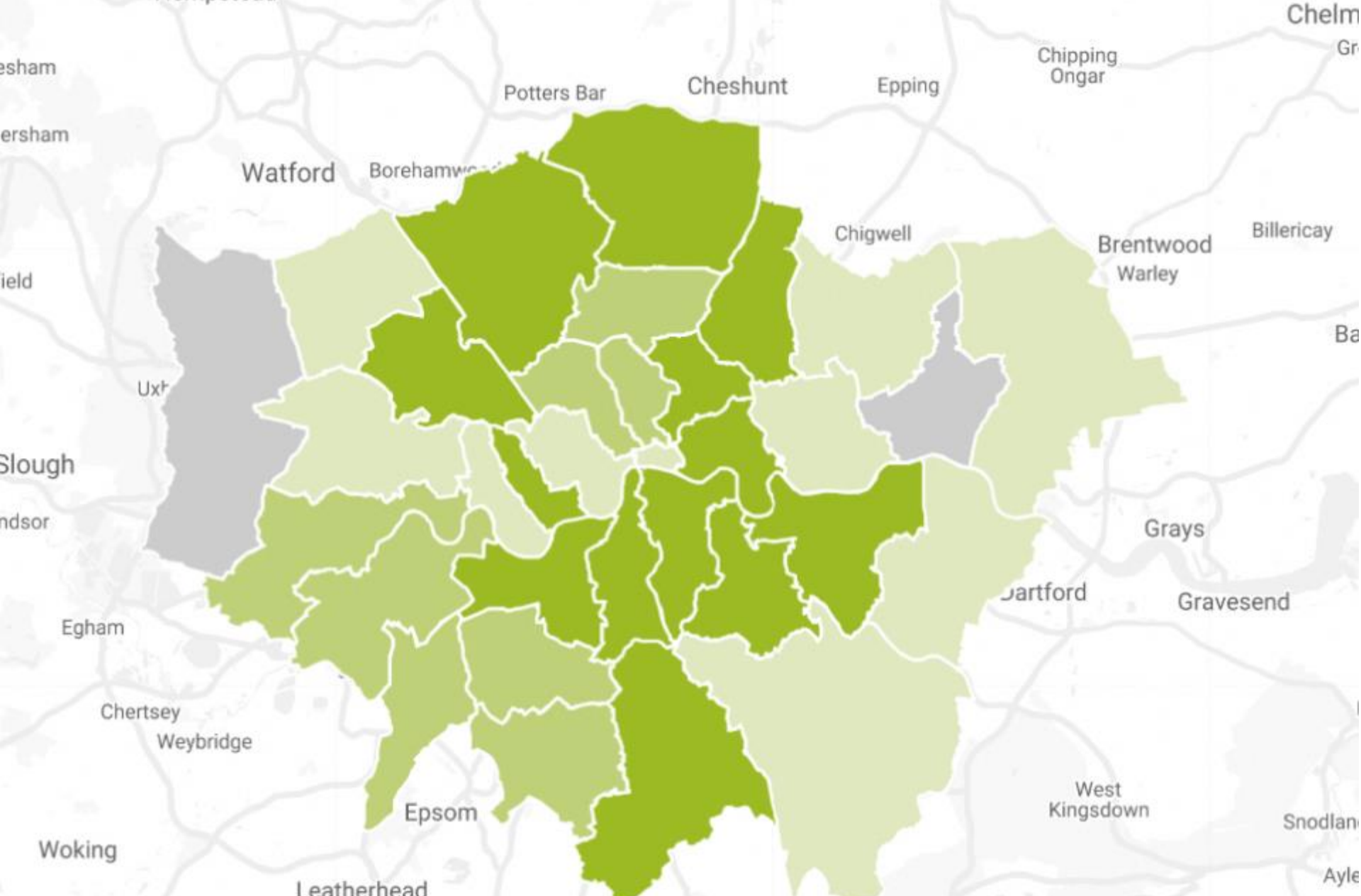
## Local Networks and online support





Policy and Leadership: Then and now....





## Planning policies across London





Multiple programmes especially in schools and training



Grassroots Community Activity multiplies our impact





**Peri-Urban Growing – the missing piece**





What next.....

