



Workshops

Parents or guardians are expected to help children develop their knowledge of soil, growing, and plant cultivation. However, events and workshops are held across the country to help with this learning, for both children and adults. These events and workshops are funded by councils, but are run by the local community. Check your local community guidelines for more information. Annual competitions are held to celebrate our soil and those who gave it the best care.

More Information

www.nationalsoilassociation.gov.uk

Please go to our website for more information on how to care for your terrarium, or for local events happening in your area.

If you'd like to volunteer for various services across the organisation, contact us here:

volunteer@soil.gov.uk



Terrarium Handbook

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Soil Warriors Scheme



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The Scheme

With Soil Warriors, the National Soil Association wants to help us change our relationship with soil for the better.

Earth's topsoil has degraded drastically over the last 150 years, damaging habitats for living things, inhibiting our ability to grow crops, and reducing biodiversity across the planet. By nurturing our soil, we can restore natural life cycles and ensure a sustainable future for us all.

This community programme aims to address this issue at a local level, with an interactive approach to learning and developing skills.

Looking After Your Soil

From a young age, you will be responsible for your own terrarium of soil, with help from family and teachers. The makeup of the culture grown inside your terrarium is up to you—but it represents the soil from where you are born.

A terrarium is your own mini ecosystem. It is up to you to care for the terrarium, from watering and fertilising it, to cleaning it and placing in the best light for it to grow.

Ceremony of Return

When you reach 18 years of age, we ask you to take part in a ceremony in which you return your soil to the community. In representing our connection to nature, the returning of the soil will remind us all to give back as much as we take.

After your soil is returned in this ceremony, you are awarded a key to your local community garden or allotment. This will enable your access to it. You're invited to be a part of the community, participating as a volunteer, planting and harvesting. For more information about your local community garden or allotment, please visit our website.

Birthday

You are given a terrarium



Growing Up

You look after and cultivate your terrarium



18 Years of Age

You give back the soil from your terrarium, and gain access to your local community garden

