



WWOOFer Worksheet

Crops and Plants

Name: _____

Range of Plants on the Holding ;-

(e.g.: there is an orchard mainly apples, some fruit bushes, and a mixed veg garden.)

The vegetable garden is planned for year round use ;-

(e.g.: Plants are raised so that as one annual finishes another is ready to take it's place.)

The plants work together ;-

(e.g.: The fruit trees have Comfrey planted around their trunks to feed them, there are companion plants in the veg garden)

There is a good mix of plants in the same veg bed ;-

(e.g.: Cut and Come again salads live alongside onions which won't be ready for a few months yet)

There are some crops that are not just for our consumption :-

(e.g.: They have green manure plants, and they grow lots of "weeds" to feed the chickens).

Plants and Crops Quiz

Underline the answer or answers that you think is/are correct.

1). An Annual is:

- a) A book about veg growing that comes out each Christmas
- b) A plant that is grown from seed and completes it's life cycle in one season
- c) An easy way to keep the veg garden growing through the summer but not have to do much in the winter.

2). Companion Planting is:-

- a) Having two plants growing together for their mutual benefit
- b) A way of using up those seeds that you had forgotten you had bought
- c) A way of keeping the soil covered.

3). Crop Rotation is important because:-

- a) It helps to keep pests and diseases away
- b) It keeps a diverse supply of seasonal things to eat
- c) It helps the soil to not become depleted in one particular nutrient.

4). Choosing the right trees and shrubs:-

- a) You need to consider the conditions that they need to thrive, such as soil type and if they like sunshine or can tolerate shade.
- b) You need to match all the colours of the flowers and fruit so that the garden looks trendy
- c) You need to think about what you will use, no point growing plums if you don't like to eat them, just because they like the soil conditions.

5). You would choose a perennial plant because

- a) It saves you having to keep planting every year.
- b) It gives the garden structural shape, establishing itself in the place of planting.
- c) The original plant can be divided or used to propagate new plants in the future.

Declaration

The WWOOFer named above has fulfilled the expectations of WWOOFing with us. I confirm that the worksheet reflects the learning undertaken by the WWOOFer.

Signed by Host _____ Date:

Name of Host (printed) _____

Dates of WWOOF stay. _____

Instructions for completion.

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