



ROOTED IN HULL

Press Release

City Farm harvests water from Post Office Roof.

Thanks to funding from The Naturesave Trust, a city farm on St Peter Street will be able harvest water from the roof of the adjacent Royal Mail depot. Rooted in Hull are establishing the farm to demonstrate fresh food and environmental techniques.

Founder Adrian Fisher said, “The idea to harvest water came from watching rain falling on the roof and wondering if it could be saved and stored. Last summer’s drought was very difficult for as we were bringing water in containers until Yorkshire Water provided a standpipe to save the plants from dying. We had over 150 volunteers helping us get established in 2018 and it was very disappointing for them to see the plants wilting through lack of water. It is brilliant that Naturesave have funded our system.”

Now Rooted will be able to store water in large containers and use it through the summer to feed a watering system devised by Hull company “Liquid Lever” for use in Africa. Adrian added that the system will provide just enough water to keep the plants healthy without any waste.

Martin King one of the volunteer supervisors at Rooted said, “We are really grateful to Royal Mail for allowing Rooted in Hull to harvest water from their roof. I’m amazed at the quantity we get from a small rainfall with 3mm of rain, we got 1,000 litres of water. All of that would have been going down the drain.”

Nick Oldridge of Naturesave Trust said “We are excited to see a really unusual environmental partnership between a large company and a small local charity that results in the provision of locally produced fresh food”

Note:

Rooted in Hull is a new city farm being developed on an old dry dock near the River Hull. It’s ethos to be as much off grid with water harvesting, grey water recycling and solar power. It uses shipping containers and raised beds for fruit and vegetable growing. A shop, café and bread making facility will be opened in 2019.

Rooted aims to promote good fresh food and demonstrate environmental and unusual growing techniques, demonstrating the journey from field to fork.

The farm currently welcomes volunteers two days a week and will have public open days in 2019 when it welcomes people to the shop and café.

<http://www.rootedinhull.org.uk/>

The Naturesave Trust, which was set up in 1995 to promote the adoption of sustainable development. is an environmental charity funded by 10% of premiums from ethical insurance provider Naturesave. It helps to support environmental, conservation and community renewable

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