

The
Mini Gardeners
inc. Little Buds **Club**

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2025

The Mini Gardeners Club, part of The Gardeners Collective

The Mini Gardeners Club (including Little Buds) is aimed at kids from 18-months to 12 years, aiming to engage young people in the great outdoors, to teach them not just about growing their own, but of all the amazing things our planet can do for us and our wellbeing. All of our sessions are **parents stay and play** to give you a chance to spend quality time in the great outdoors with your children.

We want to:

- To inspire children and young adults to embrace nature and learn to grow their own
- To educate on the importance and brilliance of locally grown flowers and food
- To make gardening fun and accessible for all ages, which is why we're set up as a not-for-profit

Working practices:

The environment is at the center of everything we do, utilising no-dig principles to feed and improve the soil, with organic fertilisers (nettle tea, manure etc.) and putting as much back into the ground as is being taken out. We use as little single use plastic as possible and focus on recycling and reusing materials - growing fruit, veg and flowers doesn't have to cost the earth!



Our space

Our garden is located just next door to Arlington Court National Trust. Throughout 2024 the garden went through a huge transformation, from a barren concrete shell to a beautiful productive garden for all to enjoy. And in 2025, it's only going to get better! The main area is be dedicated to growing fruits and vegetables, whilst we hope to expand our other areas into cut flowers, a dye garden, mushroom and microgreen growing. It's going to be a very exciting year and we're thrilled to have you and your mini gardeners joining us for the journey!

Our address: [Home Farm, Arlington, Barnstaple, EX31 4LW](#)
WhatThreeWords: [///seat.scooped.spud](#)

Parking

Parking can be found in the main National Trust car park, or, if you're lucky, in the layby opposite our garden. We are unable to have any cars park on our site directly.



What you will need:

If possible, all children should come prepared for all weathers! We suggest:

- clothes that can get muddy
- a raincoat
- wellies
- a hat (sun hat for summer, warm hat for winter)
- suncream
- a water bottle
- snacks
- gardening gloves

We have some spair outdoorwear and gloves for those who aren't able to bring their own, but these are in limited supply so please let us know ahead of the session whenever possible.



Ahead of the session, we just need a few things from you!

Drop us a follow on Facebook and Instagram, @thegardenersco to see what we're up to, follow along with our progress and hear about what's coming up next. Plus, if you want to be the first to know about our exclusive news, you can sign up to our newsletter here:

<https://thegardenerscollective.co.uk/pages/newsletter>

If you have any feedback or suggestions before/after the session, we love to hear from you so that we can continually improve our offering. Get in touch with us via our social channels, or over email: hello@thegardenerscollective.co.uk



About Shannon AKA. Diary of a Lady Gardener:

Shannon is a passionate grower from Devon who discovered gardening entirely by accident. Five years later, she has launched a successful podcast, runs workshops across North Devon inspiring young people to get growing at The Gardeners Co. CIC. She has an RHS Level 2 in Principles of Horticulture, a first class business degree and nearly ten years experience in the marketing industry.

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About Tatyana

Tatyana is an experienced Early Years Practitioner and mum to the original Mini Gardeners, Finn and Noah. As a busy twin mum, she experiences the benefits of engaging with nature for both herself and her children. Tatyana found a real love for raising plants through her collection of houseplants and getting stuck in to helping out at the plot through the pandemic. Her focus is all about improving wellbeing for children and adults by getting their feet on the grass, their hands in the soil and their heads up with the tree tops.



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