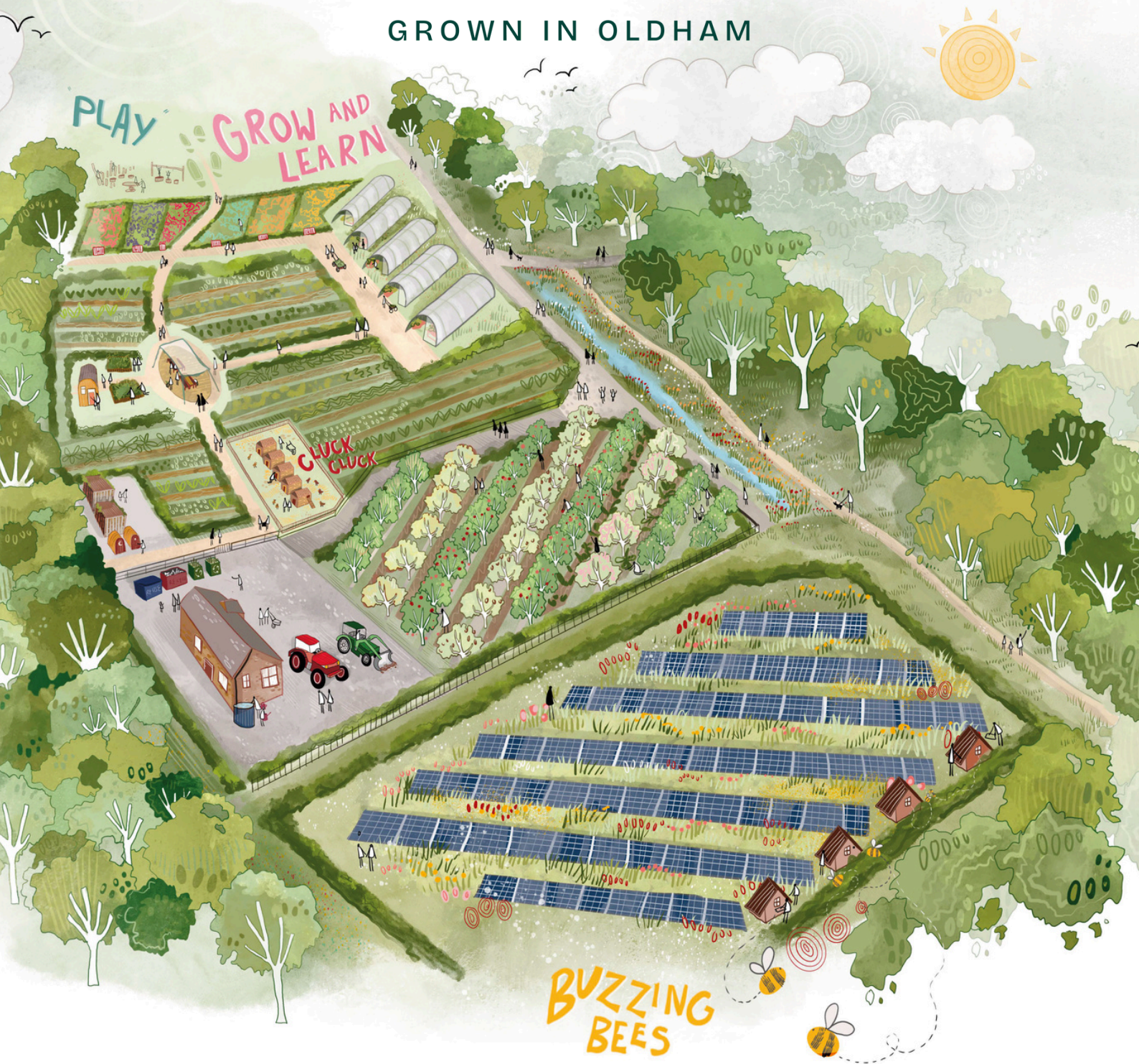


NORTHERN ROOTS

GROWN IN OLDHAM



CREATING OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW

Urban Farm Call Out for Potential Businesses

August 2025

Are you an experienced organic grower in search of growing space and routes to market? Do you have expertise or interest in delivering workshops related to growing and using your crops?

We are specifically looking for expertise in field growing **cut flowers, medicinal, scent or dye plants**, or other **specialist crops** that would tie in well with our organic horticultural farm.

Northern Roots is creating the UK's largest urban farm and eco-park on 160-acres of green space in Oldham: a unique community hub and **visitor destination**. We established the first phase of the Urban Farm in 2023. In summer 2026 we will open a new Visitor Centre, with café, shop, production kitchen and classrooms, a Forestry Skills Centre, and another four acres of Urban Farm.

The expanded farm will enable Northern Roots to **showcase upscaled urban and regenerative farming techniques** with a focus on providing healthy, locally grown crops.

We have up to 50m² of growing space, directly in front of our Visitor Centre, available for partner growers. There may also be opportunities to weave your crops through the rest of the farm.

A core objective for the Northern Roots charity is to support new and existing businesses and social enterprises to set up and flourish from the Northern Roots site. Over the last two years Northern Roots has hosted and supported businesses ranging from bee keeping to composting to Forest School.

Learn how Hive5 Manchester has thrived at Northern Roots [here](#).

Businesses based at Northern Roots can access business support with topics including **business planning, strategy,** and **market research.** Your business activities at Northern Roots will also be supported by our own communications and **marketing activity.**

In exchange for the opportunity to operate and trade at Northern Roots, businesses are expected to **'give back'** to local communities. This could be as simple as having a stall at Northern Roots events or offering some free places for residents on workshops you deliver at Northern Roots.

Over time, we want to grow the business community at Northern Roots. We are particularly keen to support enterprises that are rooted in and reflect the different communities of Oldham, and that help attract new visitors to the Northern Roots site.

If you think you could grow your business here, while also helping to grow Northern Roots, please connect with us and apply.

How to apply

Please complete our simple Expression of Interest Form and email to info@northern-roots.uk by 12 midnight on **Friday 3rd October 2025.**

Have a question? Email info@northern.roots.uk

