

## LLANGYBI ORGANICS

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Llangybi Organics is made up of two holdings in the area which have gained full Soil Association Organic Certification status.

An extensive variety of seasonal vegetables and fruit is grown for sale to the local community through a Veg Box scheme. The income from the sale of Veg Boxes creates an income for the farms, but the labour-intensive nature of the business makes it more difficult for them to be economically sustainable.

The group is hoping to develop a Community Supported Agriculture scheme, in which shareholders would pay a sum at the beginning of each season, thereby sharing some of the risks with the growers.

Meanwhile, local people are welcome to come and help on the farms in return for training in organic growing techniques.

Protecting wildlife and bio-diversity is important on these holdings: successful organic growing depends on putting back what you take out of the soil. As well as growing green manure crops, pigs and chickens are kept to maintain fertility. Rainwater is recycled to irrigate polytunnels.

Visits to the holdings can be arranged by prior consultation with the owners.

**Area:** Vegetable boxes are sold within a 10 – 15 mile radius of Llangybi.