

A VegShed for All Seasons featuring Veganic Food Products will be launched at Tolhurst Organic

Tolhurst Organic are transforming their straw bale veg shed in the field at the entrance to Hardwick Estate into **The VegShed @ Tolhurst Organic**. It's off-grid and will be open 24/7 with freshly-harvested produce from their walled garden and fields, customers just pay into the honesty box. All produce is stockfreeorganic, certified by the Soil Association.

Here's a short story of theVegShed when they started, how it looks now, and what it will look like when it is built. (picture 1)

In 2013 they put a table outside the gate with a few veg to sell but it was often getting soaked so it was moved into the adjacent field and used straw bales to make a make-shift roof over the boxes.

Everybody seemed to like the simple honesty box model and in time they increased the selling area to allow for more veg to be displayed and sold. Tolly made special crates and theybought "artificial grass" to cover the gaps. (picture 2)

But they run out of space for the many tasty vegetables they grow, and the delicious strawberries produced in summer. And the straw bale walls are slowly composting into the ground! Sothey needed a better structure and this is what it will look like: (picture 3)

It will be the same honesty box affair, open at all times throughout the year, with a great ambience. Vegetables will be fresh and cool so that everything's ready to cook and eat when customers want to buy it. It's off-grid, and built in a way that Nature will look after the quality and flavours people will savour at home.

To achieve this, Tolhurst Organic ran a crowdfunding campaign in October and November and raised £8,450 for the building from 114 supporters in 47 days.

It is with very sad news, that on the day the campaign reached its goal, the VegShed founder, soul and heart of Tolhurst Organic, Lin died suddenly, leaving the team in deep mourning and shock.

As a tribute to Lin, the VegShed @ Tolhurst Organic will be called **Lin's VegShed**.

Veganic Pioneers

Tolhurst Organic, led by Iain Tolhurst (Tolly), is a pioneering organic farm, and has been certified organic for more than 40 years. In 2004 it became the first farm to attain the Stockfree Organic symbol and there have been no animal inputs to any part of the farm since 2008. What does this mean for you? If you are vegan or not, it means that the food you'll buy at theirVegShed is the safest ever, completely traceable and free from any animal residues, be it from soil, compost or water.