

# Why have a Community Composting Scheme?

Community composting schemes (CCSs) fulfil a number of functions and provide their community with a number of benefits:

1. They reduce the amount of garden waste needing disposal and treatment.
2. They produce a compost-type product that is useful and locally available.
3. They help to reduce the environmental impacts of transporting waste.
4. They can generate an income for the local community, eg composting credits from Norfolk County Council.
5. They can provide opportunities for education, training and even employment in the local community.
6. They provide an additional community service.
7. They assist the process of partnership working and networking in the local community.

Parish and town councils can support and benefit from CCSs.

Schemes benefit from an association with parish and town councils through:

- Reduced planning application fees
  - Local publicity
  - Insurance cover
  - Claiming back VAT

Parish and town councils benefit from an association with schemes through:

- An income stream
- Opportunities for other local community projects
  - Positive publicity