



The Achiltibuie Garden

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The Achiltibuie Garden is the new company set up by the team behind the former Achiltibuie Hydroponicum which closed at the end of 2007. We recently launched a new website and are currently working on our new environmentally-friendly visitor centre in Achiltibuie.

We wanted a website that would showcase all aspects of our unique business. RedKite Internet have successfully done this for us, providing a comprehensive online shop with secure payment facility as well as an infinite space for us to add pages of information about hydroponics, our new visitor centre and our local area.

At the moment, we sell hydroponic growing kits and supplies via our website, by mail order and to personal customers; we also grow and supply fresh produce to our local community, available directly from us and through local shops. The next step for The Achiltibuie Garden is the construction of our new visitor centre.

We've recently erected a double-span Keder growing house at our new site in Achiltibuie, where we'll be using both hydroponics (including the world famous Achiltibuie Hydroponicum Wick System) and soil-based techniques to grow a variety of plants. Diana Wilding said 'After a year in a small, shared growing area, I'm very excited at the amount of space I've now got for growing a wide range of produce!'

With newly fenced grounds, the access road completed and a shelter belt planted we are now getting the Keder house stocked with plants, as well as starting to develop the outdoor gardens. Once we're a bit further on with this, we'll be able to open to visitors who want to see the evolving indoor and outdoor growing spaces.

Later this year we're hoping to start work on the main building of our new visitor centre which will include a café and a shop. We plan to use as many environmentally-friendly materials and practices as possible along with local labour and materials. With a breathtaking view, the café will be the hub of our new facility, using our own fresh produce, locally sourced ingredients and real home baking. The shop will carry our mail order lines and will also sell produce, local arts and crafts and other gardening-orientated products.

'We have faced many challenges over the past two years and greatly appreciate the overwhelming support, help and encouragement we have been given by our local community, visitors and customers' said Julie Edwards.

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