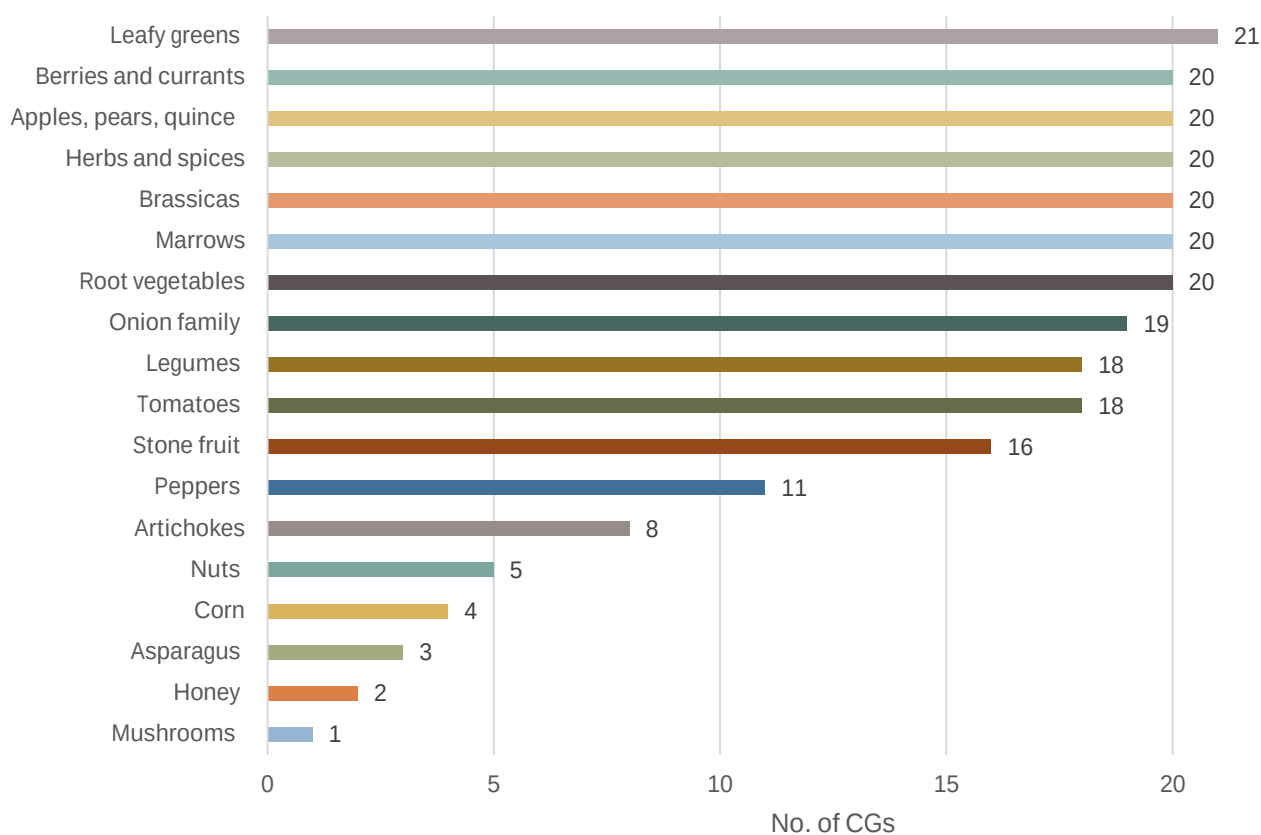


ü (CGs) took part in an online survey, over half have been operating for more than 10 years, and almost half are less than 250m² (1 allotment plot).

- The OGs

"Our garden has become a really important feature in the local community and we have developed strong links with other community groups and organisations. We have all benefited physically, socially and mentally. It has been so much fun growing our own produce and being able to share it amongst ourselves and with local people and a food bank" Respondent, Stanford and Cleveland Community Garden

Diversity of crops grown in community gardens



Many describe “Having to adapt to drought-like conditions” and the “Constant innovation around climate-resilient growing methods (including water conservation, biodiversity enhancement and carbon-negative soil building)”. Others have introduced drought-tolerant plants and are increasing their perennial crops.

“Know your community first. It’s just as important as knowing your local ecosystem”. This includes the need to “Communicate with the local people and find out what they most want out of the garden. Some people have ideas and knowledge that will be invaluable”

of this project will work closely with growers both in community gardens and allotments to measure the diversity of crops being grown. A small group of growers will also record their *Plot Stories* through images and videos to bring to life what goes on behind the scenes of growing. This project also aims to explore what some of the barriers to accessing these spaces may be and how policy actions can help overcome them. If you would like more information or are a community food grower and would like to take part, please contact:

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