

Organiclea is a community food project, started in 2001, with one idea in mind, more food can and should be grown in London. Christmas courier welcomed the chance to partner this ethical supplier, delivering their fruit and veg boxes in a clean and sustainable way via one of our cargo bikes.

Starting with one allotment, their project now occupies a 12 acre site at Hawkwood Nursery. A market garden designed to work with and not against nature. Pesticides and artificial fertilisers are not needed as they harness the power of nature to combat and control pest populations. Passionate volunteers grow, distribute high quality, organic produce through a 300-member fruit and vegetable box scheme, two market stalls - Hornbeam Centre and Transition Leytonstone, and 20 other outlets (from community cafes to Michelin-star restaurants).

From £5 per week you can sign up to receive the freshest, tastiest, sustainably grown fruit and veg. Much of the produce comes from Organiclea and some is sourced from their Cropshare scheme, where local gardeners and allotment holders supply their surplus. The rest comes directly from small-scale organic farmers in East Anglia, Kent and their cooperative partners in Europe. Produce is picked, packed and on your plate within hours, guaranteeing flavour and freshness that is unmatched by the cellophane wrapped produce found in the shops.

They work with housing associations, schools and projects working with vulnerable adults and run training courses in horticulture. Organiclea is a not-for-profit enterprise, with any surplus reinvested back into the project. They run a number of courses throughout the year and they are always on the lookout for new volunteers. So get involved.

Christmas courier is proud to partner Organiclea. Pre-order your fruit and veg from the 1 December and we will delivery for free between the 12-23 December right to your door at your chosen day and time the tastiest and freshest local produce. Just make sure you live in E17 and we will do the rest.

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 $\underline{https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/christmas-courier}$

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