

# Biodynamic Institutions & Farms in the UK

<b>BDA Institutions /organisations and type</b>	<b>Tasks / activities</b>
<p><b>Biodynamic (Agricultural) Association</b> – BDA / BDAA – charity</p> <p>Includes <b>BDA Certification</b> is a sub-section of the charity as it helps promote biodynamics</p>	<p>Promotes and supports BD agriculture, practitioners and research</p> <p><b>Demeter Certified Farms, Market Gardens, Vineyards , seed growing</b> etc (eg Biodynamic) - <b>95 in UK</b> (plus 10 in Ireland – whole of ) plus <b>46 processing</b> certifications (includes bakery, abattoirs, butchery, flour mills, wine-making, preserves, juices and cordials and</p> <p><b>10 traders/importers</b> – wine, exotic fruit, coffee, teas, dried medical plants etc</p>
<p><b>Biodynamic Agriculture College (BDAC)</b> – Training - charity</p>	<p>Offers training for agricultural professions – online and ‘work-based diploma’ level 3 – currently about 12 students over 2 year groups – it could take more.</p>
<p><b>Biodynamic Land Trust (BDLT)</b> – charitable community benefit society (CBS)</p>	<p>Secures land for biodynamics and similar and supports succession and new entrants finding land – owns 4 parcels of land/farms</p>
<p><b>Ruskin Mill Trust</b> and Ruskin Mill Land Trust – Education / Training Charity ++</p>	<p>Teaching, farming, gardening using biodynamic methods in 15 locations</p> <p>Research and further training in BD methods connected to their work and delivery</p> <p>Runs a work-based diploma level 3 in Growing Land Growing People with BD methods</p> <p>Train their staff in BD via the above and other staff trainings (1300 staff = many directly involved in BD)</p> <p>It also runs the Step by Step gardening courses with the BDA in 7 centres – 6 days over 6 months designed for home gardeners.</p>
<p><b>Emerson College</b> -charity</p>	<p>Market Garden and orchard is Demeter</p> <p>Will be providing a training in future</p>
<p><b>Apricot Centre</b> (Huxhams Cross Farm) CIC (community interest company – not for profit)</p>	<p>Training – several level 2 to level 4 regen/bd farming methods plus BD weekend courses,</p> <p>BD Vegetables boxes, eggs, meat, grain/flour support for adopted children, on farm children’s farm club,</p> <p>research and soil monitoring, school visits</p>
<p><b>Waltham Place</b> (Farm and ornamental gardens all BD)</p>	<p>Farm, market garden, shop, courses, nature care, school visits</p>
<p><b>Lauriston Farm</b> - CBS</p>	<p>Education and training on farm for students with extra needs and local community, market garden</p>
<p><b>Esk Seeds</b> (note both Vital Seeds and Tamar sell some BD seed too)</p>	<p><b>Based at Esk Valley Living Community – provide organic and Demeter certified seeds</b></p>
<p><b>Weleda gardens</b> <b>most Weleda medicines are made in the EU.</b></p>	<p>(products are mostly Natura certified rather than Demeter due to lack of availability of certain products at Demeter level so some ingredients are organic)</p>
<p><b>(Tablehurst and Plawhatch farms are part of the 95 farms above and take apprentices, have farm shops and events but do not provide other extra ‘services’)</b></p>	

**Crossfields Institute** – not strictly a BD organisation -certifies the BD training courses done at RMT, BDAC, Apricot

**BD Federation Demeter International UK** – it is an international organisation covering BD association and Demeter certification worldwide – their staff live in many different countries – Alysoun Bolger works for BFDI and lives in Stroud – Demeter UK is not an organisation, some people use this term for the part of the certification work that applies to Demeter / Biodynamic certification.

**TALC** - TALC is an agroecology agricultural training coordinated by a group of organisations including LWA (Land Workers Alliance, Kindling Trust, the Fold etc) BDAC is working with them



*This map is approx. – indicative - not fully up to date!*