

Moffat Seed Library Survey 2026:

How we're taking forward your suggestions

Thank you to everyone who completed our Moffat Seed Library survey. We received 13 thoughtful responses from people with a wide range of growing experience.

You told us that the Seed Library is a useful local resource, but that it needs to be easier to find, easier to understand and more active throughout the year. You also want more opportunities to share plants, seeds, experience and local growing knowledge.

Here is what we are doing in response.

Clearer information and regular updates

Some people were unsure how the Seed Library worked, did not know where to find us or had missed ordering and collection dates.

We will:

- make it clearer how to join, order seeds and arrange collection
- publish dates further in advance
- send regular Seed Library emails and reminders
- check that people who have signed up are receiving our updates

More help with growing

Growing guides were the most frequently requested form of support. People also asked for a seasonal sowing calendar, better information about individual varieties and advice from experienced growers.

We will:

- develop seasonal **What can I sow now?** information
- add more useful growing information to seed listings
- share local growing experience and recommendations
- explore workshops and informal opportunities to ask questions

More locally grown and locally suitable seed

People value seeds that have been grown successfully in our local conditions. There was particular interest in beans and peas, tomatoes, salad crops, native wildflowers, heritage varieties and perennial vegetables.

We will:

- continue developing our new Local Seeds collection
- encourage people to save and donate seed
- record where donated seed came from and what is known about it
- begin gathering information about what grows well in DG10 and DG11

More opportunities to meet and share

Plant swaps were the most popular activity in the survey. People were also interested in learning how to save seed, hearing from experienced growers and visiting local gardens and smallholdings.

Our next step is a **Seed and Plant Swap at ShareFest:**

Sunday 18 October · 2pm–5pm
Studio Moffat

You can bring saved seed, spare plants, herbs, bulbs, divisions or other useful growing materials. You are equally welcome to come along and take part if you have nothing to bring.

We will also use the afternoon to collect local growing knowledge and hear what people would like the Seed Library to offer next.

Spring seedling pilot

There was strong interest in buying locally grown seedlings to support the Seed Library. Herbs, tomatoes, chillies, flowers, cucumbers, salads and squash were among the most popular choices.

We will explore a small seedling pilot for spring 2027. We will start at a manageable scale and invite local growers to contribute seedlings if they would like to be involved.

More ways to contribute

People told us they might support the Seed Library by donating saved seed, attending events, sharing growing experience, buying seedlings or helping occasionally.

We will create small, practical ways to get involved without expecting people to make a regular volunteering commitment.

Moffat Seed Library is free to use, but we would like it to become more than a source of seed. We want it to be a useful, welcoming place where local people can share what they grow, what they know and what they have learned.

Thank you for helping us decide what comes next.

Keep in touch

Find out more about Moffat Seed Library, browse the seed catalogue and see forthcoming collection dates and activities:

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