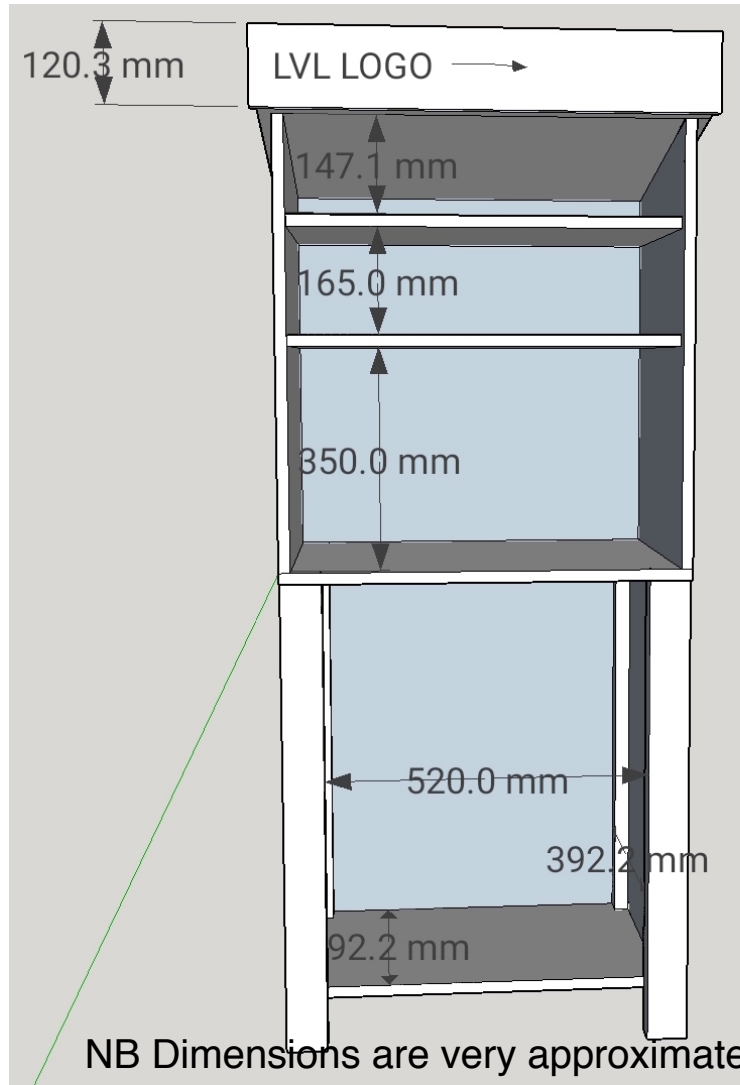


## LITTLE VEG LIBRARIES



# Making a Little Veg Library

Feed Leeds <http://feedleeds.org/> wants these funky little stalls to be even more popular and widespread than the little book libraries that inspired them. But we don't currently have any funding, so we hope this leaflet will help you fund and make one yourself. The images are of our prototypes, but you can make yours any size or shape that suits your site - and your imagination. Have fun!



## Location

It's up to you where you put your LVL, but the experience of little book libraries suggests that the site should have high visibility and footfall, but be where someone can keep a close eye on it. Be sure to obtain permission from the land owner.

## Fixing

You can set the legs into soft ground (use treated timber or bitumastic paint) or put in a fence post and attach to that, or lay treated 4x2 'skis' on hard ground and attach to them, or a bolt on a wall. Or mount on wheels, secure with a bike chain, and put away at night!

## Design

The shape's up to you. The dimensions on the front cover are just a guide (the prototyped 'developed' from these). Key features are; a sloping roof with overhangs (ideally with a waterproof covering), a dry box with perspex door for seed packs, books and recipes, and shelves - some in the dry, and some out in the wet for tools, seedlings and hedge veg. Make it wide enough for seed trays, say 380 x 240 minimum. Extras might include a suggestions.comment box, a box or bin at the side or back for soil, compost and larger tools - or even a community compost bin, why not? (See <http://leedsrotters.org.uk> for how to make a compost bin from a wheelie bin).

## Branding

Please display the LVL logo as well as your own if you have one. We can supply sickers, stencil and/or plaques as available. A poster (encapsulated for protection) on the side can advise people about your group. Please include both the LVL and Feed Leeds logos on this if you have space. And also say there's a map of all the LVL sites on <http://feedleeds.org> and much more besides.

## Funding

Fundraising for your LVL is a great way to engage with the local community and gather additional support. If you do need additional funding, community support schemes are available from local councillors (MICE money) plus many large stores and supermarkets.



Check locally to see what might be available.

<https://doinggoodleeds.org.uk/support-for-organisations/funding>

<https://tescobagsofhelp.org.uk/community-apply-bags-help-grant/>

<https://www.diy.com/corporate/waste-donation>

<https://causes.coop.co.uk/>

<https://www.gofundme.com/en-gb/>

<https://www.idoxopen4community.co.uk/lcc>

### Materials

<https://www.leedswoodrecycling.co.uk/>

<https://scrapstuff.co.uk/> often has clear plastic in stock

### Makers

You may have someone in your group happy to create your LVL. If not here are some contacts to approach:

1) Neil Hollingworth from **North Leeds Joinery** made FL's prototypes: [neil@northleedsjoinery.com](mailto:neil@northleedsjoinery.com).

<https://www.facebook.com/www.NLJ.co.uk/> -

2) Jamie from **The Leeds Woodcrafters** made the pink one in Chapel Allerton:

[jamiewaddington@hotmail.com](mailto:jamiewaddington@hotmail.com) but best contacted

via Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/theleedswoodcrafters/?hl=en>

3) <https://menssheds.org.uk/find-a-shed/>

### Insurance

Check if the landowner has public liability in place to cover the LVL. If not consider obtaining your own public liability insurance so members of your group and the wider public are covered if any injury arises from stocking or using the LVL.



Visit [feedleeds.org](https://feedleeds.org) for the LVL map and more