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Composting: An Easy Household Guide



Nicky started composting early working for a local composting business. After gaining a degree in Fine Art, Nicky Scott went to study at the Henry Doubleday Research Association (the UK's leading Organic Research Organisation), where he learned more about compost and soil management. This was followed by a spell with a touring theatre company with a show all about the politics of food production (grant aided by Oxfam and Christian Aid). He then spent seven years as an art teacher at secondary level.

In 1992 Nicky was one of the initiators of the Chagford Community Composting Project (CCCP)—one of the first community composting projects in the UK. This developed into 'Proper Job' community business, with Nicky as the first co-ordinator. This business has diversified from just making compost to opening a community shop/cafe in 1994 selling local, organic and fair trade food. Proper Job started one of the first organic collection rounds in the Country, of both kitchen and garden waste and developed a market garden enterprise. In 2000 the project bought a piece of land just outside Chagford to develop a reuse and composting site. This site is now one of the Community Composting Network's National Compost demonstration sites. Nicky is currently secretary of 'Proper Job Ltd'.

In 1997 Nicky became the co-ordinator of the Devon Community Composting Network, funded by all the Local Authorities in Devon—a 20 hour a week commitment. Nicky has been a management team member on the National Community Composting Network since its formation and is currently the chairman. He produces the CCN newsletter .

Nicky was an advisor on the 'Mucking in' pack which has been the guidebook for community composters for many years and has written much of the forthcoming CCN guidebook. He is author of *Composting For All* and *Reduce Reuse Recycle*, both published by Green Books. He also appears in two composting videos, runs workshops on composting and sets up projects at conferences. Nicky has also been a guest lecturer at Plymouth and Southampton Universities and has been acting as a consultant for Dorset County Council and South Gloucestershire County Council.

He lives in Chagford with his wife two children, two cats, dog and tortoise!
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