

COTSWOLDS GROUP



Slow Food principles are based on good, clean & fair food for all, working with nature and in line with sustainable agriculture. Whether you are a consumer with an appreciation of good food, who enjoys meeting likeminded enthusiasts, a food professional, or producer looking for support, welcome to Slow Food Cotswolds.

What is the <u>Slow Food Movement</u>? Slow Food was founded in 1989 in Italy, an initiative prompted by the opening of a fast food restaurant, near the Spanish Steps, in Rome. With the protests that ensued, so the Slow Food Movement was born and began to take shape. It is now an international organisation in over 150 countries around the world and in the UK, Slow Food operates as a not–for–profit organisation, seeking to promote a better way to eat, to celebrate our valued and respected food traditions and protect our edible biodiversity.

The Cotswolds area has earned itself a well-deserved reputation as a destination for food lovers, not only for its many independent cafés, restaurants and markets throughout the area, but also for the quality of produce on offer. Single Gloucester cheese and Gloucester Old Spot pork for example, have been awarded Protected Designation of Origin status and the area is home to an impressive number of dedicated, specialist food producers and talented chefs, whose values reflect those of the Slow Food Movement.

Slow Food Cotswolds launches in September 2025, with thanks to Roots and Seeds, Cirencester and Down to Earth Stroud for their support at our inaugural event; as a group, we will later be announcing a number of gettogethers and talks around the area and to become involved, why not join us? Either as a personal member, as a business, or as part of the Chef's Alliance. You will be warmly welcomed. To find out how to become member, visit the Slow Food UK website (or click here) and you can also sign up for the UK newsletter (a dedicated Cotswolds version will be available shortly). We look forward to hearing from you and celebrating the values and sheer enjoyment of Slow Food.



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https://www.slowfood.org.uk/become-a-member/

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