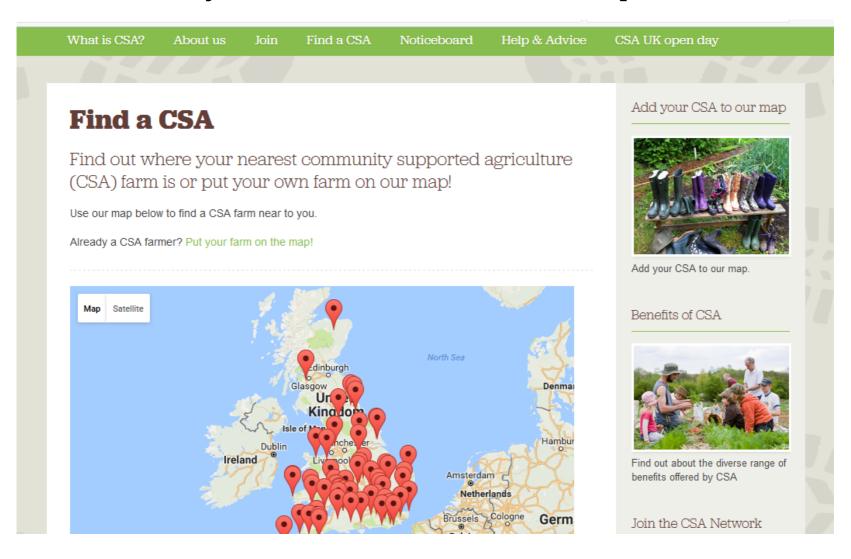
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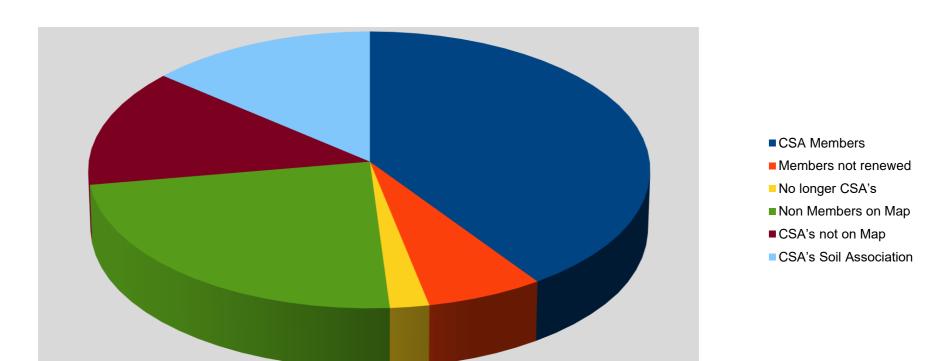
MEMBERSHIP

We now have 43 CSA farm members an increase from 28 last year and 60 CSAs on our map.



MAPPING CSAs IN THE UK

CSA's in UK



NEW CSAs

There have also been a number of new CSAs setting up over the last year:

- Steepholding in Devon,
- Wild Roots Veg in Sussex,
- Waterland Organics in Cambridgeshire,
- Plotgate CSA in Somerset,
- Forest & Folk Community Supported Herbalism in Milton Keynes,
- Chadlington Kitchen Garden in Oxfordshire,
- Leconfield Grange and Frith Farm in Yorkshire,
- Transition Turriefield, Tap O Noth Permaculture and Tomnah'a Market Garden in Scotland, and
- Gerlan Bach, Torth y Tir, and Old Lands CSA in Wales.

SUPPORT & ADVICE

We respond to requests from our members e.g. for sample business plans, tenancy agreements and health & safety policies, and share job adverts and crowdfunding campaigns. We have also secured funding to run a mentoring programme and create a toolkit – the A-Z of CSA.



PUBLICATIONS

We helped produce a guide to farm-based traineeships with the LWA, OGA and Sustain which had three case studies from CSAs.



EVENTS

We held our last AGM at Canalside CSA



We organised a consultation meeting and visit to Feed Bristol and Sims Hill CSA



We ran a training event at Five Acre Community Farm in partnership with Growing Together



We ran three sessions on CSA at the Oxford Real Farming Conference





We organised a Scottish CSA event at Whitmuir Organic Farm



CSA NETWORK UK OPEN DAY

Over 30 CSAs across the UK took part in our first open day.



POLICY & RESEARCH

We took part in a European research project on CSAs organised by Urgenci and helped draft a EU CSA declaration. We also responded to consultations on access to land and jobs in sustainable farming.



MARKETING

We raise awareness of CSA on a daily basis through regular updates on our website and social media. Our website was launched in May 2015. Over the last year we have increased our FB followers to 2226 from 1489.



FUNDING

Our grant from the A Team Foundation came to an end but we secured funding from the Esmee Fairbairn Foundation for two years and also from Awards for All.





