



GROWING HIGHLIGHTS 2014

Carbon Gold produces a range of enriched biochar composts, soil improver, fertiliser and tree care products. We have had fantastic feedback from commercial growers and landscaping professionals who use our products in a range of propagation and growing scenarios. Here are the highlights.



"I USED CARBON GOLD'S COMPOSTS WITH GREAT RESULTS"

"Seeds germinated really well and the Seed Compost's moisture-retentive qualities were a welcome time saver, as I could water less often. It was the same with the All Purpose Compost, which I used in raised beds and containers. While all the veg, herbs and fruit I grew did really well, my courgette plants were a true indication of how effective GroChar is as they remained exceptionally healthy all season long and resisted powdery mildew as a result."

Cinead McTernan, Garden Editor, The Simple Things magazine www.thesimplethings.com

"More crops in the same space with less watering – excellent!"

"I love the Soil Improver... it performed exceptionally well at (paradoxically) both improving the drainage and water retention of my London clay, which normally bakes rock hard in the summer, so water just runs off the surface. Water now soaks in instantly and is retained for significantly longer, so I need to water half as much. The subsequent effect on plant growth is also impressive, meaning I could plant far more densely than I would have done in previous years."

James Wong
Ethnobotanist and TV presenter

Strong, steady growth and healthier plants

"Carbon Gold's Seed Compost is a very fine mix, light with lots of air, so ideal for germination of trickier stuff. I got very strong, steady growth in seedlings, which transplanted exceptionally well."

Using the Soil Improver in my garden, I've seen improved soil structure and fertility, resulting in stronger, healthier plants."

Alys Fowler, gardening expert, writer and TV presenter





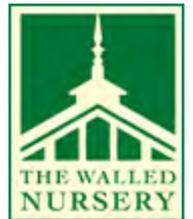
“Biochar has made a huge difference to how long our plants thrive. We wouldn’t do without it.”

“We now use Carbon Gold’s biochar products in all our gardens and installations. We find it vitally important to make sure what we plant in is of the highest standard to assure the plants’ survival and success.

Mak Gilchrist
Founding Member,
The Edible Bus Stop®
www.theediblebusstop.org



“We believe that Carbon Gold is literally gold for soil!”



“We have stocked Carbon Gold Soil Improver and Fertiliser for the last year and have trialled both products in our nursery.”

“We found a vast difference in the length of stem and amount of flowers produced on trials with sweet peas grown in Spring. The sweet peas grown in a bed

which had Carbon Gold’s Soil Improver added prior to planting showed an extra 4cm in stem length and flowered right through until November.”

Emma Davies, Co-owner, The Walled Nursery www.thewallednursery.com

“AN EXCELLENT PEAT SUBSTITUTE, BETTER THAN GREEN WASTE.”

Fergus Garrett,
Head Gardener, Great Dixter
www.greatdixter.co.uk

“Our young carers wanted to use the grass area as quickly as they could and we knew we couldn’t let them until we were confident the grass was growing.

Within two weeks of laying the turf, it was long enough to cut and we knew that it had established itself.

We’re certain the Soil Improver played a role, along with the rain!”

Janine Woodward-Grant, Senior Development Manager,
the Carers’ Centre, Bath and North East Somerset



A key piece of the jigsaw at Forest Green Rovers' organic pitch

“For heavy-use sports pitches, Carbon Gold’s Soil Improver adds aeration and increases moisture retention, while creating the perfect habitat for essential microbes.”

“We have been conducting a scientific trial with Carbon Gold’s Soil Improver and are currently well into the second season on the stadium pitch.

Soil analyses have determined that the biology, vitamin and mineral contents of our soil have increased over time. Moisture levels and organic content have also improved. There is also an overall decrease in turf stress and a defined benefit for disease resilience which is particularly important as we do not apply fungicides.”

Stewart Ward, Head Groundsman, Forest Green Rovers Football Club. Winner IOG Innovation of the Year 2014



Defending against ash dieback with Carbon Gold



“In February 2013 we initiated an ash tree planting at a woodland in Essex where ash dieback is prevalent.”

“2000 trees were planted. 20 were treated with a biochar formula and interplanted alongside the rest. After two seasons of growth, 500 of the 2000 trees have now developed ash dieback symptoms. That’s 25%.

As of October 2014, none of the trees treated with enriched biochar developed symptoms.”

Dr Glynn Percival, Plant Physiologist, Bartlett Tree Research Laboratory at the University of Reading
www.bartlett.com



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“I add Carbon Gold’s Tree Growth Enhancer to all newly planted trees to support root stimulation and increase longevity and survival rates.”

“We planted over 25 semi-mature trees as part of a tree replacement program. Using Carbon Gold’s Tree Care products not only fills me with confidence of their survival rates, it is also an important part of instilling confidence in my clients.

There is no doubt that enriched biochar has become an essential ingredient both for planting new trees and to increase vitality and general health in old and veteran trees.”

Gary Herridge, London Manager Arbor.A, Bartlett Tree Experts
www.bartlett.com



HiGH PERFORMANCE & LESS WATERING

“I’ve been using Carbon Gold as our main compost for years now and it continues to give high performance with low watering requirements, good germination and excellent plant health.”

Jez Taylor Market Gardener,
Daylesford Organic Farm
www.daylesford.com



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“Carbon Gold’s All Purpose Compost has always worked really well for us and now we buy it as our commercial potting compost of choice.”

“When biochar compost plug plants are put into soil already treated with biochar Soil Improver this has a positive effect on the plants.”

Andy Dibben, Farm Manager,
The Community Farm
www.thecommunityfarm.co.uk

VITACRESS

INCREASED YIELD AND LOWER NEMATODE INFESTATION AT VITACRESS

“Where we have incorporated Carbon Gold Soil Improver in the very sandy soil at our Portuguese nursery we have seen a 7% yield increase and a lower level of nematode infestation than areas that were not treated.”

Paul Howlett Head of Agronomy,
Vitacress Tomatoes www.vitacress.com