Good companions

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The purpose of companion planting is to plant certain plants together, so they help each other grow well and keep pests away. Companion planting:

- attracts helpful insects like ladybirds, ground beetles, and worms to your plants
- keeps harmful pests like caterpillars and snails away from your plants.

Many plants make good neighbours for your vegetables:



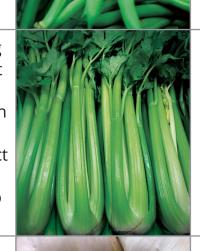
Basil improves the flavour of tomatoes, attracts bees, and keeps aphids away. However, it doesn't like growing next to cabbages or broccoli.



Beans add nitrogen to the soil, helping plants grow. But they don't grow well near cabbages or garlic.

Marigolds are strong smelling flowers that keep pests away from vegetables such as cabbages and tomatoes, and attract helpful insects like ladybirds, which also eat these pests.

Tomatoes attract many pests and they're not good neighbours of potatoes, cabbages, or capsicums, but they like growing near basil.





Celery is a good neighbour of cabbages. It keeps cabbage butterflies away because they don't like the smell of celery.

Garlic has a strong smell, so many pests don't like it. It also helps plants like broccoli, cabbages, and tomatoes grow well.

