



Local emergent farmers in one of Cresset House's farming tunnels.

Cresset reaches out to farmers

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CRESSET House held a community outreach programme this week, with an agricultural volunteer from the Netherlands taking charge.

Elrina van Schaardenburgh, chief executive officer, said, "Those who attended were shown around our organic vegetable gardens and tunnels, after the programme by our resident qualified agronomist, Samuel Rwodzi."

She said the day had gone very well

and was informative and entertaining.

"Our agronomist is passionate about organic herbs and their health benefits; he gets very animated and enthusiastic when sharing information and answering questions," she added.

Van Schaardenburgh said, "Cresset House actively continues projects to connect communities, holding educational programmes on eco-friendly, sustainable farming with the aim of community upliftment through poverty alleviation and food sustainability facilitation."

Jos van Steekelenberg, Dutch

volunteer, will be visiting some of the community members' own farming projects this Saturday, in order to assess and advise on possible improvements and more effective farming methods.

"Cresset House maintains a close relationship with local black emergent farmers.

"Our farming team meet with them on a monthly basis for agricultural and livestock production study groups, co-ordinated by a representative of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Environment," Van Schaardenburgh said