



THE CARSE OF GOWRIE ORCHARDS: SURVEY, RESTORATION, MANAGEMENT

PROPOSED REVISED PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 16th October 2007 - Inchturre Hotel, Inchturre, Perthshire

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| 9.15am | Registration and Refreshments |
| 9.50am | Welcome and Introduction to the Orchards and Tree-fruit Growing in Scotland Syd House, Forestry Commission Scotland |
| 10.10am | Report on the Extent, Status and Condition of the Carse Orchards – the Official Launch of the Carse of Gowrie Orchard Survey Report Dr Crispin Hayes, CW Hayes Associates, Eco-Consultancy <i>Followed by 10 minutes Q&A</i> |
| 11.10am | Case Study: Cider Production in the Borders - the Commercial Aspect of Orchard Restoration (Syd House to cover for 5 minutes) Apologies from Philip Elliot, Managing Director, and Tony Douglas, Sales & Marketing Director, Eden Brands Ltd., Berwickshire |
| 11.15am | Rural Development Contracts (formerly Land Management Contracts) - Potential Grant Support for Local Orchards David Imlay, Forestry Commission Scotland |
| 11.35am | Refreshments (no change in time) |
| 11.55am | Case Study: Adding Value to Locally-grown Fruit – the Cairn O'Mhor Experience Ron Gillies, Cairn O'Mhor Winery |
| 12.20pm | The Slow Food Movement: Integration of Local Foods, Local Markets, and Green Tourism Kay Lamb, Steering Group Member: Cittaslow Perth |
| 12.45pm | Open Discussion and Way Forward Chaired by Syd House, Forestry Commission Scotland |
| 1.15pm | Buffet Lunch Information Tables; display of Scottish heritage fruit varieties |
| 2pm | Depart for Megginch Castle Orchards, by Errol |
| 2.30pm-4.30pm | Site Visit: delegates to be split into 2 groups of 1 hour duration each – (1) Guidance on Practical Orchard Management – Condition; Potential for Positive Management and Restoration; Future Management Options John Butterworth, Butterworth's Organic Nursery, Ayrshire (2) Tour of Gardens with Catherine Herdman of Megginch |
| 4.45pm – 6pm | Optional Guided Tour to the Commercial Elderberry Plantation at Cairn O'Mhor, by Errol, followed by wine tasting in the Winery Shop Ron Gillies, Cairn O'Mhor Winery |

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