



CARSE OF GOWRIE ORCHARDS - WHAT NEXT?

Tuesday, 11th December - 6.30pm to 9.30pm (Inchture Hotel, Inchture)

NO CHARGE: pre-booking essential

An event is now being planned to discuss "the next step". It is hoped local people will wish to be part of a Carse of Gowrie Orchard Forum to take forward the various aspects of the proposed orchard project.

Further details are available from the Tayside Biodiversity Partnership - via rachael.higgins@dundee.gov.uk, or tel. 01382 443042.

- Buffet , followed by
- Presentation by Phil Elliot and Tony Douglas—"Cider Production in the Borders - the Commercial Aspect of Orchard Restoration"
- Open Discussion on the proposed Orchard Forum, chaired by Syd House, and followed by break-out sessions (as agreed during the discussion). These might include: restoration and management of existing orchards, business opportunities, eco tourism opportunities (orchard trails, blossom days), school and community orchards.

Places will be limited, so it will be very much a case of "first come, first served", with priority given to local orchard keepers, businesses and residents.

PROVISIONAL LIST OF FUTURE EVENTS

(details will be confirmed by mid-December; pre-booking will be essential for all events)

'The Scottish Children's Orchard - Links in Tayside'
Tuesday, 28th January 2008 - 12.30pm to 2pm (t.b.c.)
John Hancox, Glasgow Children's Orchard
Tayside House (Floor 13), Crichton Street, Dundee

The Glasgow Children's Orchard project has been highly successful (with children planting up to a 1,000 fruit trees in just one year): could the project be extended across Central Scotland? The event is aimed at local authority staff /local organisations across Tayside interested in Greenspace Management/community engagement.

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School and Community Orchard Workshop

Saturday, 23rd February 2008 (t.b.c.) - 10.00am to 3.30pm

*John Butterworth, Butterworth's Orchard Nursery and Catherine Lloyd, Tayside Biodiversity Partnership
- venue t.b.c.*

An informative day aimed at local residents, teachers and older children wanting to know how to go about planting and caring for a new orchard.

BLOSSOM DAYS (April and May 2008) - details to be confirmed.

HALF DAY PRACTICAL TRAINING COURSES

Saturday, 26th January 2008: Winter Pruning (John Butterworth)

An opportunity to learn the techniques of this vital orchard task.

Date t.b.c. (end May 2008): Pollination Essentials (Margaret Lear, Plants with Purpose)

Learn about pollination of orchard trees.

Date t.b.c. (mid August 2008): Summer Pruning and Grafting Techniques (John Butterworth)

An opportunity to learn the techniques of these important orchard tasks.

CARSE OF GOWRIE APPLE DAY - OCTOBER 2008 (date t.b.c)

Fruit Identification "Fayre" - Expert advice on how to identify different varieties of apples and pears.