



Fruit Futures Project

Programme of Events and Workshops 2015 - 2016



The Fruit Futures Project is a project managed by Forth Environment Link and funded by the Central Scotland Green Network Development Fund 2015/2016.



Welcome

Welcome to the Fruit Futures Project (FFP), a programme of workshops and networking events to help share knowledge and skills around orchards.

We want to encourage the exchange of information and ideas between groups leaders, and we will therefore set time aside and encourage leaders to share their experiences through the events. The leaders can then return to their projects and share those skills and information around their orchard community.

We are adding value to the project by working collaboratively with other organisations and agencies, especially with Helping Britain Blossom and their Master Orchardist Programme.

*While some of these activities are open to the public, for those with FFP in the description, priority will be given to leaders in projects participating in the Fruit Futures Project. For those with IFLI, priority will be given to projects located within the Inner Forth Landscape Initiative area (IFLI). To see the area included please visit:
<http://www.innerforthlandscape.co.uk/map>.*

Any free spaces on these workshops will be given to the general public, so do get in touch if you'd like to come and we'll let you know if there is space.

All the Fruit Futures activities are free of charge, but please bring your own lunch and clothing and footwear suitable for outdoor activities.

*As more events and details will be added to this programme, we recommend you have the latest version, which you will be able to find at
<http://www.forthenvironmentlink.org/projects/forth-valleys-orchards/projects/workshop-programme>*

To book a place on any event organised by the Fruit Futures Project (FFP) by Forth Environment Link, please contact Emma Erwin at orchards@forthenvironmentlink.org or call (01786) 449215.



Summary

13th Sep	Muiravonside Apple Day
20th Sep	Braehead Apple Day
30th Sep - 4th Oct	State of the Map Scotland Conference
2nd - 4th Oct	Reforestation Scotland 2015 Annual Gathering
3rd Oct	The Orchard Gathering
9th Oct	Planning and Planting from Scratch
11th Oct	Caching In Cycle Trail- Gathering Apples
16th Oct	Know your Pippins from your Russets? Tree & Fruit ID
23rd Oct	Putting your Orchard on the Map - Mapping Party
28th Oct	CFHS Annual Networking Conference
11th - 12th Dec	Helix Orchard Ground Preparation and Planting
22nd Jan	Winter Pruning
31st Jan	Winter Pruning 2
12th Feb	Operation Orchard! General Orchard maintenance
21st Feb	Operation Orchard 2! General Orchard Maintenance
4th Mar	Grafting (the Scientific Way!)
12th Mar	Fruit Lovers United! The Final Gathering



September

Muiravonside Apple Day **Falkirk Community Trust**

Fun day for all ages with all things orchards!

13th September; 12pm - 4pm;

Muiravonside Country Park

Captain Scrumpy's Fruity Booty **Forth Environment Link**

Join us while we collect apples by bike around Stirling for Braehead Apple Day.

14th September

Email emma@forthenvironmentlink.org for more details.

Braehead Apple Day **Braehead Community Garden**

Celebrating all things appley, from hanging apple games to cider! Come along to learn how to make the most of your apples while the children are entertained!

20th September; 12pm - 4pm

Braehead Community Garden, Broom Road, Stirling

October

The Orchard Gathering **Dundee Urban Orchard Project**

The Orchard Gathering will focus on the theme of Orchard Cities and the role that the creative arts can play in generating and sustaining energy for a growing orchard movement. Examples of creative orchard projects from across the UK will be highlighted. The day will include lively presentations, creative workshops and plenty of time to discuss next steps for the Orchard Collective Scotland. The Gathering includes tea/coffee and lunch. For those able to stay on, there will be an orchard themed evening meal and live entertainment.

Book your ticket at www.eventbrite.com/e/orchard-gathering-2015-tickets-18400012934

3rd October; Daytime gathering 10am - 5pm £6; Evening meal and entertainment 5pm - 9.30pm £6

Concessions available

Dundee West Church, Lower Hall, 132 Perth Rd., DD1 4JW - enter via Roseangle Arts Cafe

In the Beginning ... **Planning & Planting an Orchard from Scratch**

If you are planning an orchard extension or want to create a new orchard, this workshop will give you the confidence to start your own orchard planning and management. Practical planting and establishment techniques will be discussed, as well as site preparation, training techniques and rootstock choice.

Helping Britain Blossom; FFP

Times TBC; 9th October (TBC); Venue TBC

Caching In Cycle Trail

Take a treasure hunt trail around Stirling by bike, discovering orchards and scrumping as you go.

With The Cycle Hub; 11th October; 2pm



Know your Pippins from your Russets?

If not, here's an opportunity to learn how to identify the fruit from a wide range of fruit trees growing in Buckhaven. We will look at shape, smell, size, colour, texture, taste (of course), as well as looking at pollination groups and picking times.

John Hancox; 16th October; Time TBC, FFP

CLEAR Buckhaven; 36 College Street, Buckhaven, Leven, Fife KY8 1JY

Putting Your Orchard on the Map

We will be using mobile phones, GPS devices and good old-fashioned paper to map the location and area of your orchard, and the trees within it, upload the data on to the OpenStreetMap www.openstreetmap.org and get involved in the National Orchard Inventory Survey.

Tim Foster; 10am - 4pm; 23rd October

CLEAR Buckhaven; 36 College Street, Buckhaven, Leven, Fife KY8 1JY

December

Helix Orchard Ground Preparation and Planting

Planting five different kinds of nut varieties to enhance the existing nuttery, preparing the ground on Friday and planting on the Saturday.

Open to public but booking essential

11th - 12th December; times TBC

The Helix

January

Winter Pruning

Winter pruning of apples and pears is an essential orchard task to ensure healthy trees and good crops. This will be discussed in full and demonstrated, after which participants will get plenty of hands-on practice.

Andrew Lear; 22nd January; 10am - 4pm, FFP

Cyrenians Farm, 12 Humble Holdings, Kirknewton, EH27 8DS

'Here We Come a-Wassailing'!

Let's celebrate the wonders of orchards through the time-honoured tradition of Wassailing! We'll toast the trees, sing songs, read poetry, and eat. Bring some bonfire food and drink.

Helping Britain Blossom; Date, time and venue TBC, FFP

Winter Pruning 1

Same content as previous winter pruning workshop.

Andrew Lear; 31st January; 10am - 4pm, FFP

Cyrenians Farm, 12 Humble Holdings, Kirknewton, EH27 8DS



February

Operation Orchard

How to Plan for & Give your Orchard a Brush-up

If you're unsure about which maintenance task to perform at which time of the year, fear not! We will use the Helping Britain Blossom's Orchard Management Plan template to help you plan your regular maintenance tasks. We will also do some hands-on practical maintenance tasks in some orchard sites in and around Stirling.

Andrew Lear; 12th February; 10am - 4pm, IFLI

Meeting outside the Settle Inn, 91 St Mary's Wynd, Stirling, FK8 1BU

Operation Orchard 2

How to Plan for & Give your Orchard a Brush-up

Same content as previous Operation Orchard workshop.

Andrew Lear; 21st February; 10am - 4pm, IFLI

CLEAR Buckhaven, 36 College Street, Buckhaven, Leven, Fife, K&81JY

March

Grafting, the 'Scientific' Way!

Have a go at producing your own apple tree by winter grafting under the tutelage of expert Andrew Lear. No experience necessary, just good eyesight and careful knife work! All materials are provided.

Andrew Lear; 4th March; 10am - 4pm, IFLI

Knockraich Farm, Fintry, Stirlingshire, G63 0LN

Fruit Lovers United- The Final Gathering

A final celebration of all Fruit Futures projects.

12th March; Time and venue TBC

Other Events

Holyrood Apple Day

The Children's Orchard / Scottish Fruit Trees

A celebration of the 2015 apple harvest, and is a chance also to celebrate the many groups and initiatives, which are helping to make for a Fruitful Scotland. Visitors and MSPs are encouraged to bring apple chutneys, displays, juices and some delicious Clyde Cider. The organisers are keen that groups get involved in bringing their displays. Please note that all attendees must book in advance.

17th September; 12.30pm - 2.30pm

Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh

The Big Apple Day

Braehead Community Gardens

Join us at Braehead Community Gardens for a fun-filled day celebrating apples. There will be fun activities for children and adults alike. Bring your own apples and plenty of them. Prizes for the most apples, the rarest variety and the yumiest apple containing food!

20th September; 12m- 4pm

Broom Road, Braehead, Stirling



State Of The Map - Scotland conference

Events aimed at different interests including community mapping, map developers, international development and map makers:

https://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/State_of_the_Map_Scotland_2015

30th September - 4 October

Edinburgh

Community Food and Health Scotland Annual Networking Conference

More details available soon.

28th October Perth Concert Hall, Mill Street, Perth PH1 5HZ

Reforestation Scotland 2015 Annual Gathering

Planning is underway, and talks and visits are likely to include projects of the Assynt Foundation and the Coigach-Assynt Living landscape project.

2nd - 4th October

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