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The orchard was founded by members of the Ringmer village community to help tackle global warming whilst supporting the rich heritage of fruit trees. The orchard aims to provide children with an educational resource and the community with an abundance of fruit.

The orchard has been made possible by the generous support of Anthony Tasker of Broyle Place Farm, Ringmer Parish Council, Ringmer Community College, Lewes District Councils' Sustainability team, Common Cause, Awards for All, East Sussex Food and Health Partnership, The Mettyear Trust, and the Big Lottery Fund.

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Ringmer Community Orchard



A traditional fruit orchard
planted by the local
community



Adopt a tree

You can support the orchard and help to preserve these unusual and traditional varieties through an annual subscription for either 'Adopt a Tree' or by becoming more involved as a member, helping care for the trees through the year. In late summer and autumn all supporters have a share of the overall harvest taking home to enjoy some plums, the sweet Beurre Hardy pears and dessert or cooking apples such as Crawley Beauty, Lord Derby or King of the Pippins.



Access to the orchard

The orchard is at Broyle Place Farm, Laughton Road and has its own car park. Anyone can visit the orchard, buy surplus fruit or book a place on one of the pruning or planting training sessions we run through the year. Please contact us if you would like to visit for the first time so we can show you around.



Ringmer Community Orchard was planted by the local community in December 2005 with a wide range of traditional varieties of apples, pears and plums.

As well as supporting the rich heritage of fruit trees the orchard is somewhere people can learn how to look after fruit trees, join in the harvest or just enjoy the beautiful surroundings.



Activities through the year

January and February we prune apples and pears; in spring weights are put on upright branches to encourage more fruiting buds and the trees are checked for caterpillars, signs of disease or damage; in June plums are pruned and in

winter new trees are planted. We are also increasing the bio-diversity of the site with native hedging and a wildflower border.

Subscription Options

These are annual fees giving you a share of the whole harvest but only the Full Membership requires involvement through the year.

Adopt a Tree £30

Ideal as a gift as you only need to visit at harvest time.

Full Membership £25 (£15)

Suitable for people who want to be involved in looking after the trees and can commit around six hours per year, eligible for reduction in training fees.

School membership is welcomed and can include bespoke workshops, talks and produce. Please contact us for further details.