

Community orchards in UK cities



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THE ORCHARD PROJECT

Bringing orchards into the heart
of urban communities



Our Vision

Everyone in the UK's cities is within reach of a well-cared-for, community orchard.



The Story so far...

Over the last decade, we have
planted, restored and supported over **550**
community orchards in the UK and
engaged **55K people** in fruit growing



Why are urban orchards so important?

84% of the UK population lives in urban areas

Urban areas desperately need quality greenspaces

Orchards bring multiple benefits



Sustainable Communities

Orchards transform
derelict wastelands
into thriving
greenspaces for
everyone to enjoy



85%

Of our
beneficiaries felt
more connected
to other people in
their local area

Ella's story...



Well-Being

98%

of our
beneficiaries
said that this
had helped
them feel
more positive
about where
they lived...



Nature Connection

95% of orchard

volunteers feel more
connected to nature and
greenspaces



Zero Food Miles



Urban
orchards
provide fresh,
free, 'beyond
organic' food
for the
community

Our Model



We have a bespoke 'core model' of working with community orchards – from design inception to 5 years of support.

Orchard Sustainability

This results in an over 95%
tree survival rate

That's 8400 fruit trees in
community use



Orchard Skills

Our orchard model is
rooted in skills
development



A Menu of Learning...

- Orchard leaders
- Non accredited training
- Accredited training

- ❖ Community Orchards
 - ❖ Forest Gardening
 - ❖ Orchard Produce



The Orchard link to Forest Gardening

- Climate proofs orchards
- Enhances biodiversity
- Extends the season



Growing the movement

We want to share our learning and work in partnership so even more people can benefit from community orchards

Find out more

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