



Orchard guide

The New Mills Community Orchard is run by volunteers and is intended to be a resource for all.

We hope you will come and enjoy this scenic new area. Fruit will generally be harvested during scheduled picking days once the trees have matured. If you would like to take some fruit, we recommend that you refer to this information booklet for a key to the varieties, and when the fruit is ready. **Please be aware that if you pick and eat fruit that isn't ripe, it may cause illness and may also damage the plant.**



LOCAL SCHOOLCHILDREN PLANTING THE FIRST TREES IN 2006



A WIDE RANGE OF TOP FRUIT IS AVAILABLE

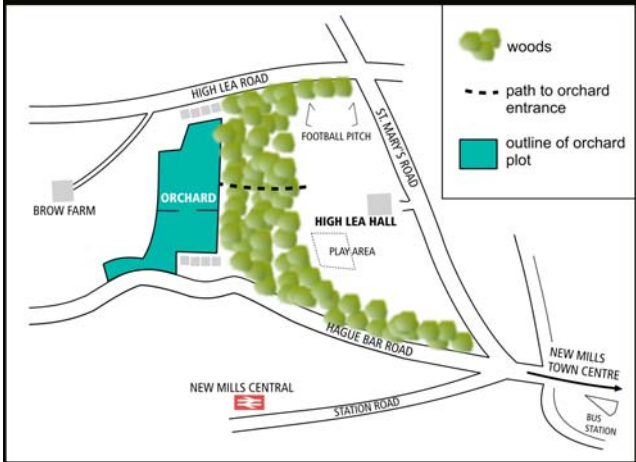
The orchard is primarily intended as a community resource for individuals, schools, and voluntary groups to gain access to locally grown organic food, and to use as a learning resource. Obviously commercial harvesting of the fruit is not permitted, but if you have an interest in using a large volume of the fruit or would like to help us with making products for sale, please contact us via our website: www.nmco.org.uk.



A GREAT PLACE TO UNWIND



ALSO LOOK OUT FOR THE WIDE VARIETY OF SOFT FRUIT GROWING IN THE ORCHARD



ORCHARD LOCATION

No.	Variety	Planted by	Planted Year	Plaque/notes
1	Fig	Orchard Committee	2008	
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3	Apple Newton Wonder	St Mary's	2006	
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7	Apple Newton Wonder	St Mary's	2006	
8	Damson	Orchard Committee	2006	
9	Pear Conference	St Mary's	2006	
10	Pear Conference	St Mary's	2006	
11	Pear Conference	St Mary's	2006	
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13	Pear Conference	St Mary's	2006	
14	Apple Newton Wonder	St. Mary's	2006	Adopted by Karl Sinfield
15	Apple Newton Wonder	St. Mary's	2006	
16	Apple Newton Wonder	St. Mary's	2006	
17	Apple Newton Wonder	St. Mary's	2006	
18	Apple Newton Wonder	St. Mary's	2006	
19	Crab Apple	Orchard Committee	2007	Donated from the Garden of KS
20	Pear Conference	St. Mary's	2006	
21	Pear Conference	St. Mary's	2006	
22	Apple Jonagold	Orchard Committee	2008	
23	Pear Conference	St. Mary's	2006	
24	Pear Conference	St. Mary's	2006	
25	Fig	Orchard Committee	2008	
26	Pear Williams Bon Chretien	Thornsett	2006	
27	Pear Williams Bon Chretien	Thornsett	2006	
28	Pear Williams Bon Chretien	Thornsett	2006	
29	Pear Williams Bon Chretien	Thornsett	2006	
30	Fig	Orchard Committee	2008	
31	Apple James Grieve	St. George's	2007	
32	Apple James Grieve	St. George's	2006	
33	Apple James Grieve	St. George's	2006	
34	Apple James Grieve	St. George's	2006	
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44	Apple James Grieve	St. George's	2006	
45	Apple James Grieve	St. George's	2006	
46	Apple James Grieve	St. George's	2006	
47	Apple Discovery	Thornsett	2006	
48	Apple Discovery	Thornsett	2006	
49	Apple Discovery	Thornsett	2006	
50	Apple Discovery	Thornsett	2006	
51	Apple Discovery	Thornsett	2006	
52	Apple Discovery	Thornsett	2006	
53	Plum Oullins Golden Gage	Orchard Committee	2008	
54	Plum Victoria	Hague Bar	2006	
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58	Apple Discovery	Thornsett	2006	
59	Apple Discovery	Thornsett	2006	
60	Cherry Morello	Orchard Committee	2007	
61	Apple Discovery	Thornsett	2006	
62	Plum Damson	Orchard Committee	2007	
63	Apple Red Devil	Orchard Committee	2008	
64	Apple Spartan	Orchard Committee	2006	
65	Plum Victoria	Hague Bar	2006	
66	Apple James Grieve	New Mills Primary	2006	
67	Apple James Grieve	New Mills Primary	2006	
68	Apple James Grieve	New Mills Primary	2006	
69	Apple James Grieve	New Mills Primary	2006	
70	Apple James Grieve	New Mills Primary	2006	
71	Apple Spartan	Orchard Committee	2008	
72	Cox's Orange Pippin	Orchard Committee	2008	
73	Apple – Egremont Russet	Orchard Committee	2008	
74	Plum Victoria	New Mills Primary	2006	
75	Plum Victoria	New Mills Primary	2006	
76	Plum Victoria	New Mills Primary	2006	
77	Plum Victoria	New Mills Primary	2006	
78	Apple Bramleys	Orchard Committee	2008	
79	Apple Worcester Pearmain	Newtown Primary	2006	
80	Apple Worcester Pearmain	Newtown Primary	2006	
81	Apple Worcester Pearmain	Newtown Primary	2006	
82	Apple Worcester Pearmain	Newtown Primary	2006	
83	Apple Worcester Pearmain	Newtown Primary	2006	
84	Apple Worcester Pearmain	Newtown Primary	2006	
85	Pear Beurre Hardy	Orchard Committee	2008	
86	Apple Bramley	Orchard Committee	2008	

87	Plum Victoria	Orchard Committee	2008	
88	Apple Bramley	Orchard Committee	2008	
89	Apple Bramley	Orchard Committee	2008	
90	Apple Bramley	Orchard Committee	2008	
91	Apple Bramley	Orchard Committee	2008	
92	Apple Worcester Pearmain	Newtown Primary	2006	
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94	Apple Worcester Pearmain	Newtown Primary	2006	
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97	Cobnut Pearson's Prolific	Orchard Committee	2008	
98	Apple Bramley	Orchard Committee	2008	
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101	Apple Worcester Pearmain	Orchard Committee	2008	
102	Apple Jonagold	Orchard Committee	2008	
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105	Cherry Morello	Orchard Committee	2008	
106	Plum Victoria	Orchard Committee	2008	
107	Apple Spartan	Orchard Committee	2008	
108	Apple James Grieve	Orchard Committee	2008	
109	Plum Opal	Orchard Committee	2008	
110	Quince Vranja	Orchard Committee	2008	
111	Plum Damson	Orchard Committee	2008	
112	Plum Damson	Orchard Committee	2008	
113	Damson Shropshire Prune	Orchard Committee	2008	
114	Pear Williams Bon Chretien	Orchard Committee	2008	
115	Cherry Morello	Orchard Committee	2008	
116	Plum Damson	Orchard Committee	2008	
117	Plum Damson	Orchard Committee	2008	
118	Walnut	Orchard Committee	2008	

List of Tree Varieties

Apple Bramleys

Britain's most famous cooking apple has descended from unknown parentage, with quite a story to tell! It was initially grown from a seed by Miss Mary Anne Brailsford, then planted in her garden in Church Street, Southwell, Nottingham, some time between 1809 and 1813. Some years later the cottage was owned by a butcher named Mr Bramley, who gave rise to the name (seedling testifies that the apple was grown from a seed, or pip). Grown commercially originally by Mr Merryweather, a local nurseryman, who spotted the tree as it grew in the garden. Exhibited initially in 1876, it received a First Class Certificate from the RHS in 1883. The original tree blew down in 1900, but a shoot grew up from that tree which still survives to this day and attracts many visitors. The fruit is large and somewhat squat, irregular in shape; deep green with a red flush, and broken fine stripes. However, the apples sold in supermarkets rarely ever get to stay on the tree long enough to actually develop the red colour. It cooks down to a creamy puree, perfect for apple sauce or pie filling. It may require some sugar to sweeten the acid a little; or if you prefer to eat a sharp apple, then this is usually fine after Christmas. The skin tends to go a little greasy in storage. Season: Oct-March

Apple Cox's Orange Pippin

Raised from a pip of Ribston Pippin by Richard Cox, around 1825, at Colnbrook Lawn, Slough (pippin states that the apple was grown from seed, or pip) Introduced to the world around 1850 by Mr Charles Turner, it received an Award of Merit from the RHS in and a First Class Certificate from the RHS in 1962. The fruits are medium in size, round and slightly conical in shape. A yellow background over-flushed with an orange/red and striped with fine, almost hand-painted tiny stripes of earthy red on top. It shows tiny areas of russeting, giving the apples a mottled look. Inside the cream coloured flesh is firm to the bite, refined in texture and juicy. Perhaps not as sharp as Ribston Pippin, the flavour is still nevertheless held in high regard, portrayed as being a convoluted mixture of honey, spices and nuts. Many still regard this apple as highly now as our ancestors did, claiming it to be England's finest apple. Season: Oct-Jan

Apple Discovery

Thought to be a cross between Beauty of Bath and Worcester Pearmain. Initially introduced by Mr Drummer in Essex, and renamed by Mr Matthews in 1962 as Discovery. The fruit is medium in size, round and slightly flat. The skin is yellow with a red flush, with bright red stripes on top. Inside the cream flesh is juicy, sweet, with almost a hint of strawberries. Season: Aug-Dec

Apple Egremont Russet

A classic English russet apple from the Victorian era. The skin is entirely covered with "russet", which feels like very fine sandpaper. A medium-sized apple, traditionally described as "nutty", the flavour is more delicate than most varieties, and quite sweet. Both the flavour and the soft flesh are reminiscent of a firm pear. Excellent with cheese. Season Oct-Dec

Apple James Grieve

Raised in Scotland by Mr James Grieve of Edinburgh. Thought to have been either an offspring from Cox's Orange Pippin or Potts Seedling. Introduced to the world by Mr Grieves' employee, Mr Dickson. It received the Award of Merit from the RHS in 1897, and a First Class Certificate in 1906. The fruits are medium in size, round to conical in shape. The skin is yellowy green, striped and speckled with red. The flesh is creamy white, soft, juicy, and fine. It displays a balance of sweet and acid, and cooks very well, keeping its shape. Season: Sept - Oct

Apple Jonagold

Jonagold is a large American apple, developed in the 1940s, a cross between a Jonathan and a Golden Delicious. The colouring is yellow of Golden Delicious, with large flushes of red. This is a crisp apple to bite into, with gleaming white flesh. The flavour is sweet but with a lot of acidity. Season: Nov-Jan.

Apple Newton

Found in 1970 by Mr Taylor, an innkeeper of King's Newton, Melbourne, Derbyshire. Parentage thought to be Blenheim Orange x Dumelow's Seedling. It received a First Class Certificate from the RHS in 1887, introduced in Derbyshire the same year. The fruit is very large in

size, flat round in shape. The skin is yellow, with a flush of orange red and russet freckles on top. The flesh is creamy white, acidic, juicy and somewhat course textured, and cooks to a yellow purée.

Season: Nov-Mar

Apple Red Devil

As the name suggests, this apple is a bit of a devil! Introduced in 1990 by Matthews Nursery, Worcester, as a cross between Discovery and Kent.

Stunning bright red in colour, reminiscent of lipstick, this apple is extremely attractive to the eye. Once inside, you will not be disappointed, for Red Devil is sweet and juicy. A crunchy bite reveals a pink stained flesh with a hint of strawberry.

Makes a pink juice. Season: Oct - Dec

Apple Spartan

Raised by R C Palmer in 1926 at the Dominion Experiment Station, Summerland, British Columbia, Canada. This apple is the result of a cross between McIntosh and Yellow Newtown Pippin, and was introduced publicly in 1936. The fruits are medium in size, and round-conical, but a little irregular in shape. The skin has a base of yellow which is almost entirely covered with a deep wine red and some broken purple stripes. On the tree it displays a lilac waxy bloom similar to that of a purple plum, if wiped off, the apple displays a high gloss coat. The flesh inside is white, crisp and juicy, and displays many of the characteristics of the McIntosh flavour- rich, sweet yet acid, with a fruity aroma, said to resemble a mixture of melon and strawberry. Season: Oct-Jan

Apple Worcester Pearmain

Worcester Pearmain is an early season English apple, originating from Worcester in the 1870s.

Its main claim to fame is the strawberry flavour, although the intensity of this is quite variable, depending on the weather while it is ripening.

Worcester Pearmain makes a good apple tree for the garden, and the flavour really benefits if the apples are left on the tree as long as possible. Season: Sept-Oct.

Cherry Morello

Smaller than its sweet cousins, the Morello cherry trees are self-fertile sour cherries and crop heavily in most parts of the country. Morello cherry trees tolerates colder and wetter conditions than the sweet cherries. The cherries are pickable from the time their skin is dark red. At this stage, Morello Cherries are sour and should be cooked - they make great cherry trees jam. However if a Morello cherry trees is left on the tree into August - by which time its skin will be

practically black it will be edible off the tree in the same way that a tart eating apple is. Season: Aug-Sept

Cobnut Pearson's Prolific

A cultivated form of hazel. While the classic hazelnut is fingernail shaped, cobnuts are broader, longer and shaped more like a thumbnail. The variety originates from the UK where it is commercially grown. Must have cross pollination to produce the best crops. A compact tree, with an excellent display of numerous pale yellow catkins. A very good pollinator for other varieties. Medium sized nuts with a good flavour. Abundant trees and early bearers. Season: October

Damson Shropshire Prune

A reliable cropper with a compact nature, ideal for the smaller garden, often found growing in hedgerows and also known as Prune Damson, producing a small oval dark blue skinned fruit, with a juicy greenish yellow flesh with a wonderful flavour, with no need for a pollinator. Season: Early Sept.

Fig

A large brown pear shaped fruit with rich sweet red flesh. The fig is believed to be the oldest cultivated fruit crop. It was grown in Jordan River Valley close to Jericho more than 11,000 years ago. Hard to believe it will also grow here in Derbyshire, but apparently so. Season: Aug-Sept

Pear Beurre Hardy

Beurre Hardy is one of the finest dessert pears. Tender, juicy and sweet with a hint of rosewater. Chosen for its very juicy, delicious flavour, Beurre Hardy (*Pyrus communis* 'Beurre Hardy') is recognised by its medium to large sized fruits which are a russet brown colour with a vague hint of red. Grows well in the UK and produces heavy crops of pears. Season: Oct

Pear Conference

The most well known and popular dessert variety in the UK, Originating from Hertfordshire in 1885. Season: Oct-Nov

Pear Williams Bon Chretien

The fruit of the Williams pear is medium to large, green/yellow, sweet and extremely juicy. Upright and unusually hardy, Williams pears are ideal for colder areas and can be grown in a north-facing position. Season: Aug-Sept.

Plum Opal

Opal is probably the best early English plum variety, developed in Sweden in the 1920s and is a cross between Early Favourite, an old English early dual-purpose plum variety from the 19th century, and Oullins Gage, a 19th century French gage which is still widely grown in France. Can be almost tasteless if it doesn't get plenty of sun. To get the best flavour, grow it yourself, preferably trained as a fan against a south-facing wall. In good conditions the flavour is rich, sweet, and has the distinctive plum flavour associated with European plums. Season: Early Aug.

Plum Oullin's Golden Gage

Oullins Gage is a very sweet fairly large yellow gage. A good garden variety for most parts of the UK. Season: Mid August

Quince Vranja

Vranja is one of the most popular quince varieties grown in the UK. Attractive large pear shaped fruit but light cropper. Use for jam making or baking with apples for a great pie. Season: Oct-Nov

Walnut

Common or English Walnut is a much more rounded and slower growing tree than its cousin, the Black Walnut, which is a large spreading tree, with deliciously aromatic young foliage. Often grown for its enormously valuable timber, Common Walnut also produces tasty nuts in the autumn and is one of the very few living organisms that like being beaten!

We are grateful to www.yorkshireorchards.co.uk for allowing us to use their descriptons for some of the apple varieties.

We are always looking for new volunteers: all are welcome at our meetings, or just contact us at info@nmco.org.uk, and you can become a Friend of the Orchard.

