

RINGMER COMMUNITY ORCHARD



The Ringmer Community Orchard, at Broyle Place Farm, Ringmer, is a local project being led by the people of Ringmer to establish an orchard of traditional fruit trees for use by the local community.

History of the project:

The project has developed over two years from the Ringmer Community Action Plan which aimed to improve recycling and develop a tree planting programme in the Parish.

Aim of the Orchard

To improve bio-diversity, absorb carbon dioxide and to act as an educational resource and increase access to local fresh healthy food for the residents and school children of Ringmer

Past activities

11th and 12th December 2005 Volunteers were helped by 4 experts to plant the first 40 trees. The trees have been carefully surrounded by rabbit proof wire and well mulched to give them a good start.

February 11th 2006 local residents and representatives from Ringmer Community College attended a one-day training session on fruit tree pruning and propagation led by Peter May a local nursery man and expert. The training was followed by a visit to Windmill fruit farm in Ticehurst

Future activities

May 2006 (date tbc) workshop for local primary and secondary school children

Joining the Group

Contact Katharine Rayner at Common Cause, 20 North Street, Lewes, BN7 2PE; tel: 01273 4790900; (on the day: 07952 856 796) Katharine@commoncause.org.uk; if you want to find out more, join the group or help with planting the trees.

