

# Introduction to the Forth Valley Orchards Survey



Forth Valley Food Links has developed a new Forth Valley Orchard Regeneration Initiative, to help raise awareness of the value of orchards and other fruit trees (apples, pears, plums, damsons) and the benefits that they can bring - for example, for our health, our natural heritage, and our economy.

We are currently mapping the fruit trees and orchards of Forth Valley (Clackmannanshire, Falkirk and Stirling Local Authority Areas) and would like to involve as many people as possible in identifying where the trees are and how they are currently used.

We also would like to find out if there is interest in managing the existing orchards and trees and also in creating new ones.

To help us, we would appreciate a few minutes of your time to complete this survey. If you know of more than one orchard, please feel free to do this survey again, once you've completed this one.

This survey will stay open until 31 December 2009.

For more information on the initiative, please visit our website at [www.fvfl.org.uk](http://www.fvfl.org.uk).

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## 1. Location of Orchards & Other Fruit Trees

If you own, or know of an orchard or other fruit trees, please tell us more about them.

If you know more than one orchard, then you can fill in the questionnaire again, once you've finished this one.

### 1. Please say where the orchards or other fruit trees are located?

**Please tell us:**

- \* **Ordnance Survey Grid Reference or post code**
- \* **Nearest town or village**
- \* **Road name**
- \* **Any landmark features nearby**

Orchard Name

Orchard Owner

Age of Orchard

Size of Orchard, Area if known

Post Code or Grid Reference

Description of Location (nearest town, road name, landmark features nearby)

## 2. More About the Orchard

Please give us more detail about the orchard.

### A. Number of Trees.

	1 - 10	10 - 20	20 - 50	50+
How many trees are in the orchard?	<input type="radio"/> Number of Trees. How many trees are in the orchard? 1 - 10	<input type="radio"/> 10 - 20	<input type="radio"/> 20 - 50	<input type="radio"/>

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### B. Type of Orchard.

- Garden  Farm  Estate Orchard  School Orchard  Walled Garden  Community Orchard
- Derelict Site  Site Being Developed  Industrial / Business Site  Allotment  Public Space
- Other (please specify)

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### C. What kinds of fruit trees does the orchard contain?

- Apples  Pears  Plums  Damsons  Cherries  Nuts  Other (please specify)

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### D. What is the condition of the orchard?

- Managed  Unmanaged  Destroyed  Recently Abandoned  Long Abandoned  Gappy
- Odd Remnants  Other (please specify)

**E. Which biodiversity factors (tree features, orchard floor) are present? Please tick all that are relevant.**

- Old Trees Present  Deadwood  Cavities in Branches  Grazed  Ungrazed  Mown  Arable  
 Lawn  Other (please specify)

**F. How is the fruit currently used?**

- Sold Commercially  Given Away  Family Use  Ignored  Other Use (please specify)

**2. Please let us know which of the following activities you would be interested in.**

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| Keeping you updated via a Forth Valley Orchards eBulletin           | <input type="radio"/> Keeping you updated via a Forth Valley Orchards eBulletin           |
| Attending a workshop to map orchards and fruit trees in your area   | <input type="radio"/> Attending a workshop to map orchards and fruit trees in your area   |
| A visit from an expert to survey your orchard (orchard owners only) | <input type="radio"/> A visit from an expert to survey your orchard (orchard owners only) |
| Creating and managing your own orchard                              | <input type="radio"/> Creating and managing your own orchard                              |
| Creating and managing a community orchard                           | <input type="radio"/> Creating and managing a community orchard                           |
| Fruit tree maintenance  | <input type="radio"/> Fruit tree maintenance  |
| Using your fruit  | <input type="radio"/> Using your fruit  |
| Being put in contact with other orchard / fruit tree owners         | <input type="radio"/> Being put in contact with other orchard / fruit tree owners         |
| Setting up a Forth Valley Orchards Group                            | <input type="radio"/> Setting up a Forth Valley Orchards Group                            |
| Other (please state)  |   |

9. It would help us if we could contact you for further information. Please enter your contact details below.

Your contact details will not be published or given to any Third Party except those persons authorised by Forth Environment Link to gather information for this initiative.

Name:	
Address:	
Address 2:	
City/Town:	
ZIP/Postal Code:	
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	

**Thank you!**

Thank you very much for helping us with this survey.

For more details of the Forth Valley Orchards Regeneration Initiative, please visit

<http://www.fvfl.org.uk>.

You can do this questionnaire online at:

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=nvKyZJ1EK1tf\\_2ba0h\\_2bAVxww\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=nvKyZJ1EK1tf_2ba0h_2bAVxww_3d_3d)



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