

Forth Valley Orchards to be Regenerated

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Forth Environment Link (FEL) is issuing an invitation to consultant/s to tender for work to implement the Mapping & Feasibility stage of the Forth Valley Orchard Regeneration Initiative.

The Mapping & Feasibility Study will establish the current and potential contribution of the orchards to the economic and natural heritage value for communities in Forth Valley. It will take place over the predominantly, but not exclusively rural areas of the 3 Unitary Authorities of Clackmannanshire, Falkirk and Stirling. This phase will engage landowners, communities and schools in identifying the location of orchards and fruit trees, species and varieties, and produce a database of information, and a map of these orchards. Through community involvement, we wish to capture the ideas of people to enhance the orchard resource for the future.

The longer term aim of the initiative is to encourage this resource to be utilised in a sustainable manner for multiple-use and benefit to the local area, eg crop, health, biodiversity, tourism, education and recreation. This will be the 2nd phase of the initiative and is outwith the scope of this tender.

This project is being part-financed by the Scottish Government and the European Community Forth Valley & Lomond LEADER 2007 - 2013 Programme, Scottish Natural Heritage, and Falkirk Environment Trust for this phase (Phase 1), which will run from 1 May 2009 until 31 March 2010.

Consultants interested in submitting a tender will find full details in the Forth Valley Orchard Regeneration Initiative Tender Details and Forth Valley Orchard Regeneration Initiative Tender Letter, which can be downloaded from this site or from Forth Valley Food Links's site at www.fvfl.org.uk or Forth Environment's site at www.forthenvironmentlink.org.

Submissions should arrive at the Forth Environment Link office at 7 Stirling Business Centre, Wellgreen Place, Stirling, FK8 2DZ, by 5.00 pm on Monday, 1 June 2009. Multimap link: <http://www.multimap.com/maps/?qs=fk8+2dz&countryCode=GB>.

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