

Pitmedden Udney Tarves Community Co-operative
The PUT group want to ask you if you might
support a new project in Tarves. Please read on.

CREATING A COMMUNITY ORCHARD



WOULD YOU SUPPORT US?

Tarves has some areas of grass that are not fully used and cost the Council money. They have said they would like to find ways of cutting maintenance costs.

We want not only to make sure that the areas remain well looked after but become a real benefit for local people. A place to enjoy as well as give something back.

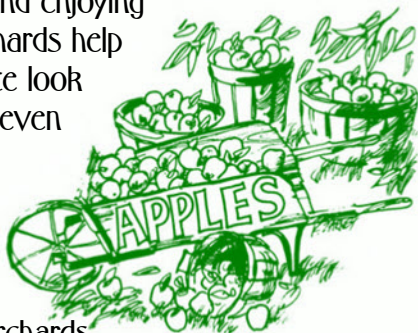
We believe a community orchard would be an attractive environment - especially in the spring - and provide a delicious bonus for everyone. Read overleaf to find out how it might be done and how it affects you.

♥ **TARVES ORCHARD**

COMMUNITY ORCHARDS

A community orchard is not a new idea. There many of them around Scotland and the UK.. Check out: www.scottishorchards.com

They can get whole communities involved in planting and growing, maintaining and picking the harvest. And enjoying the fruit! Orchards help make the place look good. Trees even help clean the air!



Community orchards offer up opportunities for the use of the produce. Around Tarves we already have Apple Sunday, an event in Pitmedden Gardens where the National Trust for Scotland's fruit from their heritage orchard is sold. Think about what we could do as well to celebrate.

In other community orchards, at harvest, they have shared out the produce to the residents or helpers, sold it for community funds, or made jams, sauces, pies and ...yes...cider as well!. It is just a matter of imagination and who wants to get involved. The fruit can be apples, pears and plums, but it maybe cherries, quince or greengage! It will be fun choosing.

A Community Orchard for Tarves is an opportunity for a whole range of activities.



WHERE TO START

A search by PUT for available ground has been done as a first step.

Those nearest the site are asked if they will support a project.

If there is support, we will move to plant a small number of trees in a small avenue as feature. The Council have approved this.

PUT will plan any more planting after the initial agreed avenue with the Community and the school. PUT will apply for grant funding and raise the matched funds. PUT will also organise a community event and other repeat events around, harvest time, pruning time etc.

PLANNING ORCHARDS

When planning the orchard we know that we have to be careful. Apple and other fruit trees can grow quite large. We need to be aware that they should not shade useable garden ground. They should not overhang others property or cause drainage or root problems.



We select trees that have dwarfing or semi-dwarf rootstocks where appropriate. The varieties will be ones selected by the community to be of most use for eating or cooking. Some are good for longer storage and some are prized for their flavour.

We will select ways of planting either as single trees, 'cordons' or 'espalier' (picture right below) to suit easy picking of the variety.



WHAT IS YOUR VIEW?

If you have had this leaflet delivered to you personally, we want to know your view. But we will want to know the opinions of all in the community around Tarves.

There are several ways you can do this:

1. WRITE -Use the space below to write to us at: PUT- Tarves Community Orchard
c/o - Mill of Allathan, Udney, AB41 7PR
2. EMAIL - drop a line to:
Tarves.Orchard@tarves.org.uk
3. Web- Go to the Tarves web pages and click on the link to Tarves Community Orchard and fill in the feedback/comments and survey form.



TARVES COMMUNITY ORCHARD THANK YOU

Name	
Address	
Postcode	
Tel	
Comment	

Please return to PUT Udney Community Orchard.
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