

Improve wellbeing

- Over 75% of the orchards we plant are in areas of the UK with the highest indices of deprivation
- These orchards provide free, healthy food



- 86% of people we worked with said being in orchards improved their wellbeing

'I feel calmer and more grounded in nature. It makes a huge difference to my mental health issues' (Annual Report 2018)

Enable strong communities

- We transform derelict wastelands into thriving greenspaces for everyone to enjoy

'The orchard is a peaceful place and has fostered community spirit' (Annual Report 2018)

- We empower the community to care for their orchard for years to come

'I learned a lot about orchards, fruit trees, flora and fauna, as well as getting to know people in my community' (Annual Report 2018)

THE ORCHARD PROJECT

Bringing orchards into the heart of urban communities

About Us

We are the only charity in the UK dedicated solely to the creation, restoration, and celebration of community orchards.

Our aim is that every household in the UK's towns and cities will be within walking distance of a productive, well cared-for, community-run orchard.

- We have planted and restored 540 community orchards to date
 - That's 8400 fruit trees either planted or revived
 - 95% of orchard volunteers feel more connected to nature and greenspaces

New for 2021 - Forest Gardening Courses

We're excited to be launching our Level 2 accredited version of Agroforestry Research Trust's forest gardening course. See website for details.

www.theorchardproject.org.uk

Practical action on climate change

- Community orchard fruit has ZERO food miles
- To date, we have saved over 38 tonnes of surplus fruit from landfill and turned it into cider and juice - with all profits going back to community orchards!



Champion orchards and growing community food growing

- Orchards provide fresh, free, 'beyond organic' food for the community
- We plant new orchards and restore neglected ones
- The community works together to care for the orchard and harvest the fruit
- We have engaged 38,000 people in our orchard movement

