1. Project title

**Collecting knowledge about our local orchards**

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1. Project themes (ref Gathering 2014)

education, local food, access, local varieties, knowledge, orchard culture

1. Tags

local knowledge, engagement, volunteers, orchard heritage, future projects, economic & social benefits

1. Project description

The project works at a community level to learn about the orchard resource locally. It engages with volunteers in a citizen science initiative to visit and record orchards and their contents. In this way it determines the local orchard resource so that new projects can emerge to address the needs and opportunities that are found locally. Throughout the process it raises awareness about local orchards and their cultural value.

1. Project outcome

We have visited our local orchards and learnt about them.

We have engaged with the keepers of orchards locally.

We now have a better understanding of the quality and quantity of orchard fruit in our area.

We have enquired about how much fruit is used, and how; and also of the surplus. "

1. Project aims & objectives

Aim; to learn about our local orchard resource so that we can better value it and benefit from it.

Objective; carry out a visit to each of the orchards in our area to assess the content, condition and use of its various elements. Record this and share it with project partners. "

1. Project activities

Determine Local Facilitator

Training for Local Facilitator by project partner. Then Local Facilitator carries out these tasks:

Recruit local volunteers to the project.

Train volunteers with resources from project partner.

Allocate sites to volunteers.

Supervise volunteer fieldwork.

Mapping of new sites.

Quality check of fieldwork.

Share fieldwork records with project partners."

1. Project progress indicators

Milestones as per timetable below.

Indicator: No. of volunteer recruited

Indicator: No. of sites allocated to volunteers for fieldwork

Indicator: No. of sites with completed survey form submitted."

1. Project lead

Probably your organisation if it has a written constitution, and a bank account.

1. Project partners

Your organisation, with the active support of Orchard Research & Enterprise CIC in collaboration with the partners of the National Orchard Inventory for Scotland project. A letter of support will be provided on request.

1. Project benefits

Knowledge of local orchard resource

Awareness raised

'Ownership' of knowledge remains local held

Opportunities for targeted follow on projects

Improved capacity of local organisation/ group

Involvement of local people as volunteers

Engagement with orchard keepers about opportunities with excess fruit"

1. Project costs

"Costing the project has been proposed on the basis of a fee of £15 per orchard (total), which contributes to the renumeration of a local facilitator (£12.50) and volunteer expenses (£2.50).

The agreed number of orchards determines the total fee.

A match-funding application could mirror these fees but could also add an element of core cost recovery for administration, insurance etc. or add other project elements as part of a combined project."

1. Project finance

Funding from the National Orchard Inventory for Scotland project can be match-funded by others. See the funding resources on the Network page/subpages at [www.OrchardRevival.org.uk](http://www.OrchardRevival.org.uk)

1. Project timetable

The project can be run in 2015 or in 2016. For 2015 the timetable is:

April/May 2015; apply for match funding. Determine Local Facilitator

June 2015; Training for Local Facilitator. Recruit local volunteers to the project.

August 2015; Train volunteers. Begin fieldwork.

October 2015; Conclude fieldwork."

1. Project stage

Implementation

1. Project risks

There is a risk of not recruiting a suitable Local Facilitator who is able to deliver the project locally.

There is a risk of insufficient number of local volunteers being recruited.

There is a risk of insufficient capacity with the group or local body to properly organise the implementation."

1. Project success criteria

High proportion of local orchards visited.

Large number of volunteers involved.

Majority of keepers willing to engage in further projects.

Sufficient local interest and volunteer enthusiasm for follow-on projects.

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