



Worcestershire

Worcestershire Wildlife Trust - Lower Smite Farm

The Orchard: trees for dedication

Worcestershire Wildlife Trust moved to Lower Smite Farm in 1990 and set up its HQ in the dilapidated farmhouse. In 2003 we bought the surrounding 160 acres of farmland traditionally associated with the farmhouse and outbuildings. In 2004 we created a Wildlife & Farming Education Centre in the disused farm outbuildings. Now, each year, thousands of children and adults come to experience and learn more about wildlife and the natural landscape.

Under the Trust's ownership the farmland is now managed using wildlife-friendly practices and many features such as ponds and hedges are being restored. Part of this restoration has been the re-planting of an orchard where one traditionally existed. Starting in the winter of 2004 around 50 trees, mainly local Worcestershire varieties, were planted to create a quiet wildlife habitat supporting insects, birds and small mammals. Further trees were planted in the winters of 2008 and 2009 to create an orchard of apples, pears and plums.

Varieties

The following varieties of trees are planted and currently available for dedication.

Apples: Bright Future, Chatleys Kernal , Tydemans Early Worcester, William Crump Madresfield Court, Pitmaston pineapple, Kings Charles Pearmain, Catshead, King Coffee.

Crab apple: Hillieri

Pear: Tettenhall Dick, Worcester Black

Quince: Portugal quince



- Each tree is available for dedication in memory of a loved one or to mark milestones and special occasions like births and marriages in return for a minimum donation of £100.
- A book recording each dedication is maintained at the Trust's HQ.
- The Trust HQ at Lower Smite Farm is open weekdays from 9am to 5pm when staff will be available to show you to particular trees. The orchard is also accessible during daylight hours at other times when the offices are closed.

Orchards are an important part of Worcestershire's historic landscape and a valuable wildlife asset for a wide variety of species. By dedicating a tree in the Lower Smite orchard you can make a lasting contribution to wildlife.

Please contact Kate Thomas at Worcestershire Wildlife Trust if you would like to talk about dedicating a tree. Tel 01905 754919 / kate@worcestershirowildlifetrust.org