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Welcome to our monthly bulletin. We aim to bring you the latest news from our 3-year Heritage Lottery funded project in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk.



Conference speakers left to right: Gen Broad, Joanna Crosby, Neil Wiffen, Tom Williamson, Paul Read, Peter Laws, Monica Askay

Orchards East is launched!

The project took off with a day packed with enthusiasm for all things orchard.

Paul Read, chair of Suffolk traditional Orchards Group, gave us an insight into the history of orchards and what Orchards East aims to achieve. Tom Williamson, head of the Landscape History department of the University of East Anglia, explained some of the historical questions the project aims to answer such as *How have the size and number of orchards changed over time and why?*

Neil Wiffen, Essex Record Office, looked at orchards and diversification in the late nineteenth century, leading us through the case studies of The Parishes of the Chelmsford Union and the Parish of Broomfield.

Joanna Crosby, who is researching the history and cultural importance of the apple and the orchard in nineteenth century England at the University of Essex, described what the nineteenth century can tell us about community orchards today and in the future.

Peter Laws, founder of the FruitID website, explained how people have traditionally identified fruit cultivars, how the FruitID website can help and how fruit can now be identified by DNA fingerprinting (although this is not fool proof!).

Gen Broad, Orchards East Survey Coordinator, described the various elements of the project and how volunteers can get involved. Indeed they are fundamental to the success of the entire project!

Join us for the launch in Hertfordshire!

Saturday 9th Sep 10 am - 3.30 pm

Tewin Village Memorial Hall, Tewin Hertfordshire AL6 0XJ and Tewin Orchard

- *Orchards, What they are, Where they come from* Paul Read
- *Introduction to the Hertfordshire Orchard Initiative* Martin Hicks
- *Managing the local Data* Alex Waechter, Herts Environmental Records Centre
- *Orchard East's Activities and How to Get Involved* Rachel Savage
- *Historical Orchard Research, a Short Introduction* Tom Williamson
- *An Introduction to Tewin Orchard*, Michael Clark

Followed by an afternoon visit to historic Tewin Orchard led by Michael Clark, volunteer warden, author and national apple expert.

Please book by emailing Gen Broad at g.broad@uea.ac.uk



Tesco Bags of Help Funding Grant

Groundwork Hertfordshire is an environmental charity that works with various community groups across the county. Sarah Holloway is the Project Officer and one of her roles is to help organisations, schools, and charities access the Tesco funding. This funding scheme is available nationwide. If you're looking for

funds for your orchard project, why not apply? It's open to all, just as long as there is a community benefit! This means funds can be spent on equipment, materials, one off events, training, venue hire, etc. All sorts! The application is a simple process and can be found directly on the Groundwork website along with useful information and guidance.

For further info click [here](#)

Orchards East website and Social Media

Our website is up and running, please visit <https://www.uea.ac.uk/orchards-east>

Please follow us on **Twitter** and **Instagram**



Apple Day Events

23rd/24th Sep [Audley End Essex](#)

30th Sep [Blickling Hall Norfolk](#)

8th Oct [SWT Foxburrow Farm Melton Suffolk](#)

8th Oct [Tewin Orchard, Hertfordshire](#)

15th Oct [SWT Redgrave & Lopham Fen Suffolk](#)



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