



Plumpton College at Netherfield
Centre for Sustainable Food & Farming
Course Information

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| Course Name: Plan and Plant an Orchard | | Tutor: Peter May |
| Venue: Green Oak Farm Brightling Road Robertsbridge TN32 5HB | 1 day course | |
| | Start Time: 9.30am | |
| | Finish time: 4.30pm | |
| Designed for: Any one who is interested in planting a new orchard, including farm diversification, community orchards, or school orchards. The course will include a practical tree planting element. No previous experience needed. | | |
| Aims of the course: To introduce participants to the main issues that need to be considered when planning and planting a new orchard including practical experience planting a variety of trees. | | |
| Typical number of delegates: 6 – 8 | | Course runs approximately once a year |
| <p><u>Course Agenda</u></p> <p>Indoor classroom lecture Site selection (aspect, slope, soil) Fruit varieties Tree form (Bush, Standard, etc) Pollination groups Rootstock Sourcing trees (suppliers and storing trees before planting)</p> <p>Outdoor site walk Common pests and diseases Methods of pest control Identifying diseased trees Deer damage Conservation and wildlife benefits</p> <p>Outdoor practical Distance apart, sighting in trees with bamboo canes Method of digging holes Planting depth, posts, ties, mulches, composts, rabbit protection Monthly management</p> | | |
| <p>What you need to bring: Hot & cold drinks are provided, but you will need to bring a packed lunch. Please bring appropriate clothing and footwear for both indoors and outdoors. As an ongoing precautionary measure, please ensure that items of clothing and footwear used previously on another farm, have been thoroughly cleaned.</p> | | |
| Course Outcome: College Certificate (on request) | | |
| For dates and further course information please contact Plumpton College at Netherfield | | |
| <p>To book this course, for further information, or in case of an emergency on the day of the course please contact:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Plumpton College at Netherfield Netherfield Place Farm, Netherfield, Nr. Battle. East Sussex TN33 9PY Telephone: 01424 775615 e-mail info@netherfieldcentre.co.uk</p> | | |