Climate Emergency Apple Day Programme
Horfield Organic Community Orchard - Sunday 18 October 2026

Gates open at **2pm** and **close** at **5pm**

Welcome to our first community climate, nature and food resilience event. We hope all our visitors are inspired to take action for a fruitful future everywhere: in places of work and education, public services and businesses - and in our homes, neighbourhoods, gardens, allotments, parks, and community spaces.

Our guest speakers and groups are a rich resource of expertise gained from years of hands-on experience. All are keen to share knowledge, skills, and the joys of their passion. Our activities are examples of simple ways to connect food growing, nature, culture, and community.

Thank you for supporting the Orchard today. We invite you to help us sustain our activities during 2027 - the year of the super El Niño - by joining us as Friend of the Orchard. See here for more information about our special offer membership.

Welcome & Information in the Entrance area

- **Horfield Organic Community Orchard** – join as a Friend of the Orchard and support our Fruitful Future.
- **West of England Herb Group** members bring deep and practical knowledge of growing and using herbs for many benefits to cooking, wellbeing, and biodiversity.

Homemade cake and autumn fruit cordials for sale – under the Shelter - **Cash Only!**

Activities & Speakers - *drop-in*

- **Art in the Orchard** – join Julian Gregg for orchard-inspired drawing and painting. Bring your own artmaking materials.
- Children and families are invited to get creative with dry clay and natural materials from the orchard.
- **Dry Hedging in Action** – Hedges are brilliant for nature, soil, and recycling carbon. They're an easy way add wildlife habitat to spaces of any size. Help Sam Martlew create a dry hedge from orchard prunings and waste material. ***Volunteers welcome!*** Dress for the task and bring bramble-proof work gloves.
- **Moyse's Mushrooms** – Meet Ry, a new, local gourmet mushroom grower. He needs a hand to inoculate logs for the orchard – children are welcome to help. He's also sharing favourite recipes and low-cost ways to grow your own mushrooms.
- **Plotting a resilient food future** – Tim Scoones, our allotment neighbour of 20+ years, shares his experience and tips for nature-friendly food growing in all weather extremes.
- **Street Goat** connects communities to food, fibre, and land. If the weather is kind, young goats (on leads!) will be grazing in the orchard.

Pigsty Morris
3pm - Entrance area. Performance followed by a social dance for all to join in.

Walks & Talks - *please book in advance**

Orchard Nature Wander (all ages)
***2.15pm** – Meet in the Entrance area
Eric the Ecologist brings his energy, enthusiasm and eagle-eye to reveal the rich ecology of the orchard.
Book here: https://www.ticketsource.com/orchard-learning/t-ldvndgk

A Taste of the Future (16+)
***3.45pm** – Meet at the Home Orchard Plot
The Apple Tree Lady is your guide to extreme weather impacts on the orchard. She shows examples of resilience in action, and shares plans for new and different ways of growing for a fruitful future.
Book here: https://www.ticketsource.com/orchard-learning/t-jxvzxgg

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