

Swindon BAP Orchard Action Plan

Objective ORCO1: Maintain and protect the existing resource of traditional orchards

| Target | Target Measure | Action | Action Measure | Partners | Action Deadline | Links to Other Plans | Comments |
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| ORCT1: Conduct a comprehensive survey of orchards in Swindon | 80% of currently known (in March 2009) orchards in Swindon surveyed. | ORCA01: Recruit and train volunteers to carry out these surveys using forms based on PTES methodology | Measure 1: WTOP public event by March 2010 with one more by March 2011. | WTOP | Mar-10, Mar-11 | | 'Known orchards' are those identified and held on record by the WSBRC. The surveys will also identify new orchards. |
| | | | Measure 2: Have 10 active volunteer surveyors by 2011. | WTOP | Mar-11 | | |
| | | ORCA02: Determine the proportion of known orchards that are of biodiversity value | Data produced after analysing results from surveys. | WTOP, PTES, NT | Mar-11 | | |
| | | ORCA03: Determine the rate of new orchard planting and replanting of existing traditional orchards. | Records of total area planted and number/type of trees collected from all known sites. | WTOP, PTES, NT | Annual | | |
| ORCT2: Ensure the importance of traditional orchards is reflected in planning and TPO decisions. | No known net loss of traditional orchards due to development or inappropriate felling. | ORCA04: Planners ensure no net loss when considering mitigation for proposed developments and when seeking net biodiversity gain. | No known net loss of traditional orchards due to development | SBC Planners | Ongoing | | |
| | | ORCA05: LA Tree Officers use TPOs to protect traditional orchards at risk of inappropriate felling. | No known net loss of traditional orchards due to inappropriate felling. | LA Tree Officers | Ongoing | | |
| ORCT3: Raise the profile of traditional orchards in order to improve our knowledge, and involve the public in their conservation | At least 10 records of or from orchards submitted by the general public by 2010 | ORCA06: Host events based on orchards in Swindon celebrating success, such as at Penhill Community Orchard. | 3 events by 2011 | WTOP, Community Orchards | Mar-11 | | |
| | | ORCA07: Provide media articles based on orchards. | 3 items | WTOP, Orchards, Community, | Mar-11 | | |
| | | ORCA08: Encourage records from County Recorders and other specialists. | Measure 1: One article in relevant specialist publication. | WWT, WSBRC | Mar-11 | | |
| | | | Measure 2: Two orchards per year visited and surveyed by a specialist group recorder, and data submitted to WSBRC. | WTOP, WSBRC | Annual | | |
| | | ORCA09: Contact orchard owners with management advice. | 100% of known owners to have received PTES general advice booklet and the results of the survey conducted on their orchard. | WTOP, PTES | Mar-annually | | |