

# Valleyfield Estate Community Orchard

March 2016 Update

**Did you know that it only takes five trees to make an orchard? We have many more than that here! In February, over 250 children from 7 schools in Fife helped to transform this space into an orchard for wildlife and people to enjoy.**



If you walk here regularly you may have recently met children and teachers from Torryburn, Saline, Inzievar, St Serfs, Tuliellan, Culross or Holy Name Primary Schools. Alongside volunteers from West Fife Woodlands group, the children planted up the orchard then played orchard themed games and walked the snowdrop trail through the woods. The 176 fruit trees planted are apple, pear, plum, cherry, quince, damson, gage and hazelnut. This new orchard includes 30 heritage trees - varieties that have grown in this area of Scotland for many years. It takes a while for an orchard to develop, so please be patient! We expect trees to start producing fruit in 3 years.

**Come into the orchard, it's for all to enjoy. Please help to protect the trees from hungry deer by closing the gates behind you. Thank you.**



Photos courtesy of West Fife Woodlands

## Future plans

A new 'schools' area will be created just outside the fence in 2016-17. If you would like to help with this project or WFW's regular workdays, please get in touch with the group. **Why not share your photos of the orchard as it grows on social media?**

Valleyfield Estate Community Orchard is one of fifty different projects within the Inner Forth Landscape Initiative (IFLI). IFLI is supported by the National Lottery through the Heritage Lottery Fund. Through IFLI there are dozens of ways for you to get involved in events, activities and volunteering. Find out more online. West Fife Woodlands community group are dedicated to the preservation, enhancement and accessibility of West Fife's woodland areas.

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