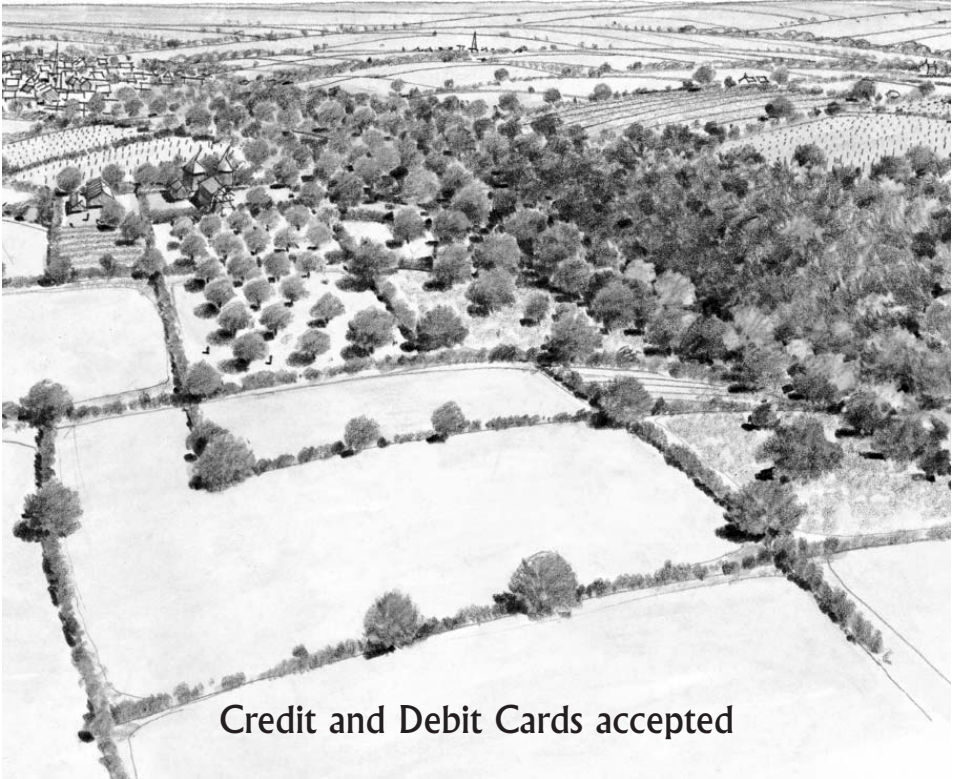


# Fruit Tree Initiative

*fruit varieties to plant in your  
Herefordshire orchard or garden*

## *2009 Selection*



Credit and Debit Cards accepted



**The Varieties for Orchards** - £9.50 per tree. On M25 Vigorous rootstock giving a large standard tree. &  
**The Varieties for Gardens** - £9.50 per tree. On M26 semi-dwarf rootstock giving small garden sized tree.

**Bosbury Pippin** - Mid season dessert apple. First described in 1920 by Bunyard. Its' origin is only recorded as "West of England" but its' name suggests some local connections! Sweet but light flavour with firm cream flesh and crimson red skin. Ripens early-mid september and will keep through to November. Very attractive apple . Vigorous grower.

**Hereford Cross** - Early Dessert. First recorded 1913. Raised in the Bristol Area by G T Spinks this is a Cox's Orange Pippin Cross. Rich cream flesh with a clean, sharp flavour. Smooth, dark maroon flushed-streaked skin. Ripe late August, as with majority of early apples they don't keep well and are best eaten fresh from the tree. Medium vigour growth.

**Red Blenheim** - Late cooker or dessert. First recorded in 1966 in an old orchard belonging to FW Wastie at Welland near Malvern. Believed to be a 'sport' from the better known Blenheim Orange. Addictive mild but sweet and nutty flavour. This 'sport' offers a redder skin than its' parent but the same attractive character and wide range of uses going from culinary when first picked late September through to a great dessert apple in December/January. Partially tip bearing so don't over prune. Very vigorous tree with strong limbs. The Blenheim's hard wood saw it used as cogwheels in early railways!

**Violette** - Not a 'local' variety but one of interest to apple collectors. A mid season dessert apple first recorded in France in 1628 by Le Lectier and know in England from the 1670s. Also called Black Apple due to its beautiful blue-black bloom...just like richly coloured violets. Also said to have a flowery 'violet' taste but this isn't always apparent! Brisk and crisp with white flesh makes a truly magnificent 'specimen' apple. Yields pink juice, also cooks well. Early May flowering then ready for picking mid September. Vigorous grower.

#### **Other Fruit Types -**

**Cherry Colt - Knight's Early Black (very limited quantity max 1 per application)** - Raised by T.A. Knight about 1810. A cross between Bigarreau and May Duke. A delicious early cherry, ripe the end of June/early July. The tree is a free grower, strong, and vigorous, and a very abundant bearer. Grows well as a standard, but trained on a wall will yield better and earlier fruit. Fruit, large, obtuse heart-shaped and irregular. Skin, dark dull red, becoming almost black when fully ripe. Flesh, dark purple, tender, juicy, and sweet, richly and highly flavoured.

**Cherry Colt - Waterloo (very limited quantity max 1 per application)** - Raised by T.A. Knight in 1815, and was named from having produced fruit a few weeks after the occurrence of the Battle of Waterloo. Ripens end of June/early July another Bigarreau/Mary Duke cross. Fruit, large, obtuse heart-shaped. Skin, thin, dark purple mixed with brownish red, covered with minute pale dots, and becoming almost black when fully ripe. Flesh, clear red, but darker red next to the stone, tender, juicy with a rich and delicious flavour.

**Both cherries are grown on 'colt' a semi-vigorous rootstock which will control the tree to around 3-5 metres and so are not suitable for small gardens. May be grown as a semi-standard or trained against a sunny wall.**

**Other Fruit Types continues opposite..**

**Quince - Champion** - No not a wonder horse but a regular heavy cropping quince! Ornamental with blush pink flowers leading to round-pear shape, greenish yellow fruit. Strong aromatic and distinctive quince flavour. They keep well and are an ideal addition to apples in cooking turning a basic apple pie or crumble in to a flavour sensation with a hint of eastern promise. They cook to produce an exquisite pink pulp, making a colourful and flavour filled jam or marmalade. With a high pectin content setting is never a problem. Why not try making quince cheese a delicious sweetmeat and traditionally served with many hard cheeses at Christmas. Very vigorous large shrub with a drooping habit. Tip bearing so only prune whole branches to maintain shape as required. Supplied on Quince A rootstock for moderate vigour!

### **How to order your Fruit Trees**

- \* Orders should be submitted using the attached application form or a photocopy of it.
- \* Complete all the credit card payment information or enclose a cheque payable to "Herefordshire Council" for the appropriate amount.
- \* Send your completed form, and payment to:  
*Fruit Tree Initiative, Countryside Service, PO BOX 41, Leominster HR6 0ZA*
- \* A receipt will be issued which must be surrendered in exchange for the trees. No duplicates will be issued. Photocopies will not be accepted.
- \* There are only a limited number of trees available and applications will be processed on a first come, first served basis. Please get your order in early to avoid disappointment.
- \* If any/all the varieties requested have sold out you will be contacted and the order amended or cancelled.

**ALL advance ordered trees must be collected from Queenswood Country Park, Dinmore Hill between 10am and 3pm on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> or Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2009.**

**Any unreserved trees will be sold first come first served on a Cash & Carry basis on the collection weekend at Queenswood.**

**Trees cannot be delivered**

**All advance order applications must be received by 16<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

### **Notes**

*Fruit Tree Initiative* may not be used to carry out the conditions of a planning permission or other required planting.

*Fruit Tree Initiative* are not eligible for grant aid from any other local authority grant source.

The Council accepts no responsibility for death, disease or damage occurring to the tree after it has been collected.

All trees supplied bare root as one year maidens in a protective plastic bag for your quick collection and convenience. It is good practice not to allow new fruit trees to set fruit for the first two years. This ensures they are well established and settled in before being subjected to the extra stress of producing ripened fruit.

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