



**Plumpton College
Centre for Sustainable Food
Farming & Forestry
Course Information**

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

Course Agenda

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)

Outdoor site walk

Common pests and diseases

Methods of pest control

Identifying diseased trees

Deer damage

Conservation and wildlife benefits

Outdoor practical

Distance apart, sighting in trees with bamboo canes

Method of digging holes

Planting depth, posts, ties, mulches, composts, rabbit protection

Monthly management

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.

Course Outcome: College Certificate (on request)

For dates and further course information please contact Plumpton College Centre for Sustainable Food Farming and Forestry or visit www.foodfarmingforestry.co.uk

To book this course, for further information, or in case of an emergency on the day of the course please contact:

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