

Progress Report: TRADITIONAL ORCHARDS (adopted 2006)

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OBJECTIVES	Target	Progress with Targets (based on progress with actions reported between 2005-7)	Target Progress	Progress Summary	Plan Progress	HBA status *
A. To identify all ecologically important orchards, and their ownership (including freehold or leasehold status).	By 2007	Target not achieved. Not within the 2005-6 NE priorities The South Warwickshire Orchard Group (SWOG) will research the past and present extent of local orchards.	↓	<p>At the time of reporting on most of the actions Traditional Orchards were not a UK Priority HAP. Now that they are, hopefully there will be change in the resources available for their conservation.</p> <p>Some restoration is already happening with HLS funding.</p> <p>The newly formed South Warwickshire Orchard Group aims to “create and sustain interest in fruit orchards and their products”.</p>	↑	Increase
B. To ensure all ecologically important orchards are protected by appropriate designations (e.g. SINC or SSSIs or LNRs).	By 2009	Some progress (on schedule) No SSSI candidates so far identified. SINC designation in progress	↑			
C. To maintain and enhance the extent and quality of ecologically and horticulturally (rare varieties) important orchards	By 2010	Some progress (on schedule) They will be identified on FEPs and management plans in HLS applications. SWOG will conserve their local orchards.	↑			
D. To restore 15ha of old orchard	By 2010	Some progress (on schedule). 6.5ha by Shakespeare Birthplace Trust , funded by HLS in 2007. SWOG will renovate existing orchards.	↑			
E. To create 10ha of new standard orchards of locally traditional fruit varieties on land of low existing conservation value	By 2010	Some progress (on schedule). Shakespeare Birthplace Trust’s plans for this have fallen through. SWOG will encourage the planting of heritage varieties.	↔			
F. To promote the importance of traditional orchards for wildlife, to promote good conservation management practice and to share knowledge	Ongoing	Target achieved. Achieved through events and advice from FWAG and apple days run by Garden Organic, Coventry County Council and Shakespeare Birthplace Trust. Also promoted by the Parish BAP. SWOG will demonstrate renovation techniques and promote orchards as a wildlife refuge.	↑			

