



Bridport Community Orchard Group

Hiring of Apple Juicing Equipment Policy

BCOG's apple juicing equipment is primarily for the purpose of preparing apple juice ready for sale at the Bridport Community Orchard Apple Day each October, and for use in pressing apples during the event itself. It will also be used for processing apples from the Bridport Community Orchard's own fruit crop, which may be sold at Apple Day, but also other local community events (for these it may be frozen or pasteurised). The equipment is also available for local people to hire for their private use.

The equipment consists of:

- Hand-operated crusher
- Hand-operated press
- Straining nets and buckets to collect the juice
- Large bucket for washing the fruit
- Electric pasteuriser, with fourteen bottle (the maximum) capacity
- Large funnel with filter
- Work bench

Any items of equipment hired must be collected from the Bridport Community Orchard with a Committee member in attendance. Equipment can be transported from the Orchard using a wheelbarrow and a car.

1. To hire the equipment, please contact the Committee via the web site (www.bridportcommunityorchard.org), and arrangements can be made for collection and return of the equipment. Alternatively, please phone the BCOG Secretary, Paul Arthur on 01308 423817, or email paularthurandgill@gmail.com. At least 7 days notice is required.
2. The hirer accepts full responsibility for all the equipment from the time of collection, until it is returned and checked by a Committee member.
3. The equipment hired **MUST BE RETURNED CLEAN AND SERVICABLE**.
4. Any damage must be put right at the hirer's own expense. New parts of equipment are available from Vigo (Honiton) www.vigopresses.co.uk.
5. Hire charge will be:
 - A standard three day period hire - cost £20
 - For every 24 hour period beyond the three days, it will cost an extra £10 per each 24 hours
 - If the press can be returned within 24 hours of it being collected, total cost will be £10
6. A refundable deposit of £50 will be charged for the hire and returned to the hirer on receipt of clean and undamaged equipment.
6. No sub-letting of equipment is allowed. The signed Agreement applies to one household only.
7. An Agreement form will be signed and a copy retained by the hirer and BCOG Committee member. This Agreement will itemise which pieces of equipment have been hired, and will contain the hirer's contact details.