



Bridport Community Orchard Group

Guidance for Use of Orchard by Other Groups

www.bridportcommunityorchard.org.uk

The Bridport Community Orchard is managed in partnership by Bridport Town Council and Bridport Community Orchard Group (BCOG), comprised of volunteers.

The Community Orchard land is leased from West Dorset District Council by Bridport Town Council. The lease specifies that events may be held **relating to the Orchard activities**, as outlined below.

Events of a religious or political nature or any activities which are likely to be noisy or cause offence may not be held under the terms of the lease. **Events can only be held with the approval of the Town Council.**

Please contact either the Chair (or Secretary) of the Bridport Community Orchard Group, or Bridport Town Council to discuss your proposed event/activity. Please contact us initially via our website.

The Bridport Community Orchard Group Constitution states that the orchard is:

- A space dedicated to the public
- A haven for wildlife
- A legacy for the future
- A source of healthy fresh food

Aims:

- To be a Sustainable Community initiative, which maximises benefit for people and wildlife, preserving local and national culture and heritage
- To minimise the need for external resource input, reducing, reusing and recycling wherever possible
- To involve all sections of the community, and promote opportunities for local individuals, groups and organisations to enjoy and use the space for educational, artistic, musical and other relevant activities
- To maintain a balance between environmental considerations and the need for all members of the community to enjoy the site

Information on the site:

- The nearest road access is South Street
- Be aware that there is no electricity on site, nor any toilets. The nearest public toilets are in the South Street car park (You may find it helpful to hire Church House for use of their facilities)
- The Orchard is situated in the centre of a residential area, alongside allotments managed by the Town Council, so please respect residents' privacy, and avoid excessive noise
- A risk assessment must be carried out, and given to the Town Surveyor (a pro forma can be provided)
- You will be required to provide evidence to the Town Surveyor of having Public Liability insurance in place, and if this is not obtained, for the organisers to recognise that events are held at their own risk
- Any furniture, tents, or other structures must not be left in the orchard overnight
- Any damage to trees or structures must be reported and will be made good, at the expense of the organiser
- Please note our sustainability principles; source food locally where possible, use recyclable materials, such as paper and glass, rather than plastic, and minimise energy use
- Any dogs brought into the orchard must be kept on lead. A dog waste bin is provided
- Aim for zero waste, but dispose of all rubbish responsibly
- Normal expectations are that events held in the orchard are free, and open to the public
- If the purpose of the event is to raise funds for another organisation other than BCOG, a contribution may be sought towards the work of the Orchard Group