



Bridport Community Orchard Group

Hiring of Apple Juicing Equipment Policy

Bridport Community Orchard Group's (BCOG) 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 juicing equipment is also available for local people to hire for their own private use, and is advertised for this purpose on the community orchard website. It should be noted that there will be no pasteurising equipment available for hirers, who would be either drinking the juice fresh (best consumed within two days), or freezing it.

The juicing equipment consists of:

- Hand-operated crusher
- Hand-operated press
- Straining nets and buckets to collect the juice
- Large bucket for washing the fruit (available if required)
- Filtering kit containing 2 large plastic jugs, 1 small jug, 1 metal sieve, 1 funnel, 2 large elasticated circles, 2 small muslin circles (all contained in one bag)
- Work bench

Items of equipment hired will need to be collected by the hirer. They can be picked up from a location in central Bridport, most likely the community orchard site off South Street. Details can be obtained upon initial application to hire the equipment (see below). The equipment is quite bulky, so transport such as a car or van will be necessary.

1. To hire the equipment, please make initial contact via the community orchard website (www.bridportcommunityorchard.org.uk), obtained from the "Contact us" tab. and arrangements can be made for collection and return of the equipment. 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 repaired at the hirer's own expense. New parts of equipment are available from Vigo (Honiton) www.vigopresses.co.uk.
5. The hire charge will be at a cost of £10 per day (i.e. 24 hour period), and can be hired for up to a maximum of 5 days (i.e. at a maximum cost of £50)
6. A refundable deposit of £50 (payable by cash or cheque) will be charged for the hire and returned to the hirer on receipt of clean and undamaged equipment. Cheques made payable to "Bridport Community Orchard Group"
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. Full instructions on the use of the equipment will be supplied.