

Manifesto for a Fruitful Scotland



Helping people grow!

The Commonwealth Orchard - a Gift to the Future

With all the politicians issuing their manifestos we'd like to issue our own. We'd really like people to ask their MP candidates to ask what they are going to do to help people grow their own food and to let Scotland Blossom!

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The Big Fruitful Idea

The Commonwealth Orchard is a simple idea – give people a spade, the skills and the confidence and we can make a more fruitful Scotland.

The press can help – can you get our Fruitful Scotland Manifesto out to our politicians.

What you can do: Everyone can help create a Fruitful Scotland – Here's How!

Individuals can

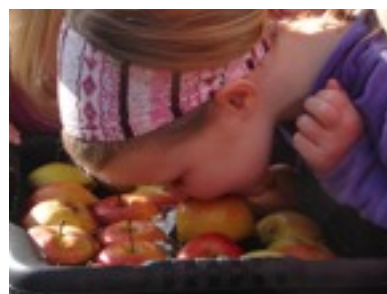
1 – Plant a fruit tree to mark Birthdays, children being born, and marriages – the gift of fruit for the future.

2 – Volunteer your time, donate a fruit tree to a local school, or community group, or look after existing trees and get surplus fruit picked and used. Perhaps sell surplus to buy new fruit trees. What better investment – sustainable growth guaranteed

3 – Organise an apple day and bring the community together to celebrate what grows in a Fruitful Scotland already.

4 – tell people about it: take our leaflets and give them to our schools, landowners, hospitals, businesses, property developers, regeneration companies to get them interested in planting fruit trees among their landscaping.

5 – Lobby MPs and MSPs and councillors and encourage them to help make Scotland Fruitful.



Fruitful MPs, MSPs councillors and other politicians can:

6 - Encourage developers, planners, community groups, schools and public buildings to include elements of fruit tree planting



7 – Local politicians can work with their officers to allow local people to get on and plant fruit trees. Sometimes there are restrictions that get in the way... and sometimes the urge to create big projects can stifle local initiative.

8 – Politicians can lead by example – by planting a fruit tree in their gardens.

9 – Politicians can encourage local councils and businesses to support local food and fruit

Fruitful Schools, communities and environmental groups can help:

10 – They can organise apple days and blossom events

11 – They can organise opportunities to learn about pruning, grafting and looking after fruit trees.

12 – They can pick local fruit and use it for community benefit

13 – Embrace the culture of self reliance. We need people of all sorts who will call a spade a spade – down to earth people who want to get their hands dirty and get on with it. Who's that? Everyone from Prince Charles to children at the nursery school.

Fruitful Companies can help

14 Companies can be great at getting things done. Often they have unused land and have employees who can sometimes help as part of employee volunteering initiatives.

15 Companies could use Scottish fruit in their staff canteens – making their staff healthier and helping to create a market for local food

16 Why not look to improve the environment by planting a community orchard on company land.



Fruitful Children can help

17 – Children love to pick fruit off the trees and to eat them. They make it all make sense and worthwhile. Children love to get their hands dirty and dig. They love to plant things and see them grow.

18 – Children are the future and the vision of a Fruitful Scotland is that they'll bring their children back in years from now to pick the fruit from their trees.

Everyone can help

19 If everyone planted a fruit tree in the local environment that would get the job done. Many hands make light work.

20 Please help – Creating a Fruitful Scotland needs people – It's all about people. Ask not what fruit will do for you... What can you do to create a Fruitful Scotland!

