



## *The St James Village Orchard Project*

### **ORCHARD PRODUCE: OUTCOMES - THE WIDER VIEW**

In addition to the obvious benefit of an attractive variety of locally produced fruit of verifiable provenance, the overall programme potentially has a wide range of valuable, additional products and outcomes. The following was produced to illustrate these:

- **Fruit products**
  - fruit juices
  - cider, fruit-based wines
  - jams, jellies and other preserves
  - fruit-based pastries and other dishes
  - windfalls for animal feed
- **Tree products**
  - prunings, thinnings and logs for firewood
  - fruitwood for local wood-turners
  - composted leaf-mold
- **Orchard and meadow products**
  - honey
  - wild-flower meadow hay
- ***The St James Village Orchard* branded products**
  - Locally produced products (by a local craft group) such as cards, wood turning
  - Environmentally friendly products such as bags, recipes and fruit products
- **Orchard events**
  - picnics
  - barbecues
  - private and village-sponsored outdoor parties
- **Personal development**
  - training in tree care
  - orchard and meadow management
  - bee-keeping
  - courses in the cooking and preservation of fruit
  - school visits

- support for school course-work
- leaflets and web-site information wild-life talks and walks
- **Community development**
  - an amenity particularly suited to the residents of this rural, agricultural village
  - improved village and wider community cohesion
  - alternative to indoor, hall-based activities
  - schools partnerships
  - connection and involvement with local related events e.g. Metfield Apple Day
  - highlight the village in the supply of produce to local shops and institutions
  - tree sponsorship by individuals and families
  - extended development of St James' sites of natural interest
- **Charitable and commercial development**
  - support for local charities from the sale of excess fruit and fruit products
  - support for charities wishing to have a unique venue for their events
  - support for other village events
  - assuring the long-term future of the orchard and its related programmes