



Clanfield Community Orchard

Donations Policy

Purpose

While wishing to encourage the gift of funds, trees or artefacts for the Community Orchard, it is recognised that generous gestures, can also bring problems.

Arrangements

- Gifts will only be accepted if they are needed/wanted/appropriate for a Community Orchard and will not suburbanise the orchard or be visually intrusive, or do not materially increase the insurance cover for the orchard.
- Gifts should only be accepted after being considered by a meeting of the management group.
- Only top fruit orchard trees on appropriate rootstock will be accepted, and varieties with local associations will be given preference.
- There is limited space for trees. A tree will only be accepted if there is an appropriate place for it and where it is in accordance with the planting scheme. Planting will be in the autumn/winter planting season.
- The best quality trees for the orchard will be sought, especially those grown by specialist fruit tree nurseries or locally propagated trees fruit nurseries or locally propagated trees.
- Clanfield Community Orchard will undertake routine care of donated trees but will not be responsible for major work or replacement.
- Donations/memorials will be commemorated by a permanent record in a donations book, and for a time-limited record on the notice board. Plaques may not be erected on or by trees/benches/artefacts. No flowers or other tributes should be placed by the tree or other donated items.
- Gifts of money will be accepted for the maintenance of the orchard (including insurance fees), but gifts of money restricted to specific purposes (unless requested eg for trees or a specific project) may be discouraged – as restricted money can cause problems for charities.
- Donations of funds or tools and materials are welcome – please ask if there is anything we need.

Adopted by the Trustees of Clanfield Community Orchard

Date: 22 February 2023