

## St Mary's Churchyard

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W3W: handed.taller.motored

The large tree in the bed is a Queen Cox; one of the largest of the community orchard trees. All the MCO trees are cared for by volunteers, in this location they have given the Julia's Late Golden apple tree two crutches to help support her, this poor lady has developed a bit of a lean.

## Wye House Gardens

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W3W: perused.melts.sardine

The 12 community trees can all be identified by a distinctive label with the apple variety and the tree's sponsor. Chorister Boy (sponsored by the Marlborough Brownies), Bedwyn Beauty (raised by Mr Stone of Great Bedwyn in 1890) and Burn's Seedling (raised by Henry Burn, head gardener to the Marquis of Ailesbury, in 1839) are all Wiltshire varieties.

## Plume of Feathers Gardens

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W3W: fondest.jetted.nanny

You will find two Mary Barnett apple trees (sponsored by the quakers and Marlborough Interiors) Mrs Mary Jane Barnett married Mr Worthy Barnett in Steeple Ashton in 1920, and planted a pip on her wedding day – raising this dual purpose apple as well as ten daughters and one son. There is also a conference pear planted in memory of Peter Piper.

## Waitrose Car Park

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W3W: earl.meanders.dupe

As you enter the car park look to the right and you will see espalier apple trees all along the wall. These are sponsored by Waitrose. The original trees were selected to represent the counties from which the local waitrose managers came. One has since had to be replaced.

## Priory Gardens

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W3W: gross.minds.endearing

As you walk through Priory Gardens you will find the first MCO apple tree planted in 2010, a Red Falstaff. Here you will also find one of the last trees planted by Mayor Fogg, who helped get the orchard started in 2010 when he was previously mayor.

## St Peter's Churchyard

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W3W:talents.pacemaker.intrigued

At the far end of the churchyard you will find a Bramley's Seedling, a Crab apple, a Berkshire apple called Charles Ross and Julia's Late Golden Apple, which has large pale golden fruits which remain on the tree after leaf-fall like 'Christmas baubles'.

# Marlborough Community Orchard Tree Trail

## Fruit Route Central

Start/Finish: **Town Hall**

What3words:

**chuck.rucksack.welcome**

Distance: **2.6km**

Terrain: **Pavement, gravel path.**

Dog Friendly: **Yes, if you bypass Priory Gardens**

Wheelchair Friendly: **Yes**

Coffee stop: **Cardinal coffee shop, St Peter's Church where you can also see the map of Marlborough 'Town in an Orchard'**

The Marlborough Community Orchard was started with the aim of creating a town within an orchard and preserving traditional apple varieties. There are now over 100 mature trees spread in and around the town. The first apple tree was planted at Priory Gardens in 2010; and 10 rare Wiltshire varieties of apple trees can be spotted around Marlborough, including Corsley Pippin, Mary Barnett, Burn's Seedling and Roundway Magnum Bonum, with 23 other varieties found dotted around town. The trees have been sponsored by local groups or individuals and each has a label attached. You can discover some of these trees by following the **Tree Trails**.



Start and finish at the Town Hall



Fruits from the trees are free for everyone to enjoy



Tags can be found tied to all Community Orchard trees

**Start:**

Walk along side the town hall on Kingsbury Street. At the corner turn right signed St Mary's Church into Patten Alley. Walk through and enter the Churchyard on your right. This is stop 1.

- Continue along Patten Alley, pass down the avenue of pollarded limes, cross the A4 and turn right.

- At the bottom of the hill, pass through the gates on your left and follow the path through the arch between the garages and into Wye Gardens. This is stop 2.

- Pass through Wye Gardens, turn right on Kelham Gardens road, go around the corner and turn right through the covered gateway into Plume of Feathers Garden. This is stop 3.

- Pass through the garden, bear right then left and follow the track to the A4. Turn right along the A4. Use the zebra crossing, follow the road to the left into Kennet Place. Refreshments are available at krumbz cafe.

- Continue along the river using the footpath through to Waitrose car park. This is stop 4.

- Continue through the car park along the river, turn left, cross the river and take the footpath on the right, follow the river. Turn right over the bridge into Figgins Lane and right again into Priory Gardens. This is stop 5.

- Walk through Priory Gardens exit through the covered walkway and turn left onto the High Street. Walk to the end of the High Street and cross into St Peter's Churchyard. Pass around the church and stop 6 is at the far end.

- Walk back along the High Street to finish at the Town Hall or turn left into Hyde Lane and then right onto Back Lane, walk to the end and turn right into Chandlers Yard which will bring you back to the Town Hall steps. **Finish!**