

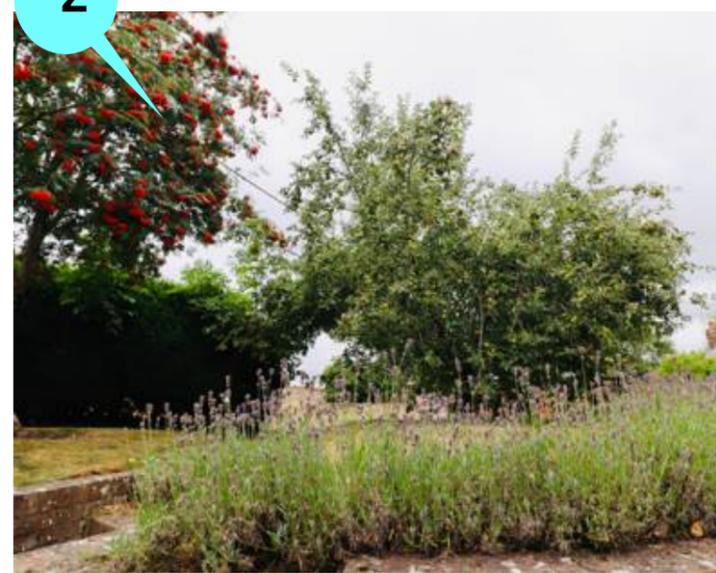
St Peter's Churchyard



W3W: commoners.blacked.character

The orchard trees can be found at the far end of the churchyard, each being labelled to show variety and sponsor. An emphasis has been placed on grafting apples native to Wiltshire, helping to save gene banks for future generations to inherit and enjoy. Here you will find a Julia's Late Golden, an apple tree that has been grafted from the parent tree in St Mary's Churchyard, at the other end of the High Street. This variety was found growing in a shrubbery in Codford St Peter near Warminster, in 2001. It has large pale golden apples that remain on the tree after leaf-fall like 'Christmas baubles'.

Preshute Lane



W3W: maple.mint.passwords

External stresses can exacerbate a tree's natural aging process. This apple tree, in the Masters garden, did not survive the dry summer. Marlborough College and others with private gardens have planted many community fruit trees, these all contribute to the vision of 'A Town in an Orchard'

Jubilee Field, Manton



W3W: animates.dime.musically

Orchard trees here include quince, pear, plum and Wiltshire apple varieties Celt, Chorister Boy and Mary Barnett as well as a Bramley Seedling. Chorister Boy has notably lovely blossom, it is juicy to eat, with a hint of strawberry flavour. The orchard fruit is here for everyone to share, you are welcome to snack on the ripe fruit or pick up the windfalls for apple crumbles and pies.

Farrar Drive



W3W:

Three Wiltshire apple varieties can be found here; Mary Barnett, Burns Seedling and a Roundway Magnum Bonum which produces enormous fruits that are tender, crisp and very juicy, with a faintly pear-like flavour. Have a try!

College Fields



W3W: markets.dinosaur.expiring

Enjoy the views to the south from this orchard. Some trees are planted in memoriam, others are sponsored by local businesses, community groups and local organisations. Trees in public spaces are maintained by volunteers and all are welcome to join the twice yearly pruning sessions.

Marlborough Community Orchard Tree Trail

Manton Meander

Start/Finish: St. Peter's Church, High Street, Marlborough.

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Distance: 4.35km

Terrain: Mostly traffic free route on footpaths and bridleways.

Coffee stop: Cardinal Coffee Shop in St Peter's Church.

Pub stop: Oddfellows, Manton

Dog Friendly: Yes

Wheelchair Friendly: NO

The vision of Marlborough as a "town in an orchard" led to the formation in 2010 of Marlborough Community Orchard. Its aims are to foster community spirit, celebrate biodiversity and the rich variety of orchard fruits that can be grown in Britain. Fruit trees are being planted accordingly, singly and in small groups, all around the town. Locations include public spaces, schools, car parks, private gardens and churchyards; here for the benefit of everyone, the environment and local wildlife.



Orchards invite nature into our town and provide a refuge in which it can flourish

Start:

- You will find the first group of Marlborough Community Orchard trees behind St Peter's Church. Your walk starts and ends here.
- Walk to the end of the high street, passing to the left of St Peters church. Turn left down the Pewsey Road. Cross the road at the bridge and turn right at the roundabout into Granham Close.
- Follow the road through Granham Close and continue on the track along Treacle Bolly. At the end of the track bear left into Preshute Lane. Look for the apple tree on the wall to your left. This is stop 2.
- Continue down Preshute Lane. At the end turn right into Bridge Street. Stop 3 is in the recreation ground on the left, pass through the gate to find the 8 orchard trees.
- Pass back through the gate and turn left on Bridge Street, cross the river and take the footpath on the right, walk up the hill towards the A4. Cross the A4 at the pelican crossing.
- Turn left and directly right, pass through the barrier and continue up the hill on the footpath. Look for the red dog waste bin and turn right through the hedge. In front of you is stop 4 and a bench to rest.
- Retrace your steps, turning right back onto the footpath and continue to the top of the hill on the track. The path reaches open fields and a junction, take the right fork that passes along the field edge.
- At the top of the hill take the permissive path to the right across the field and through the gate. Here you will find the orchard trees at stop 5.
- Continue to the left along the hedge-line to the far end of the grass area, under the trees you will find a gate that takes you back out to the end of the field. Turn right between the hedges, down the hill.
- At the bottom of the hill turn right onto Barton Dene. Follow the road to the end. You will see Marlborough College Chapel in front of you, turn left and follow the pavement along the A4 to the **finish**.

If you would like to join the pruning sessions or get involved with Marlborough Community Orchard please contact the team at: enquiries@transitionmarlborough.org