



New and Old Orchards for Suffolk

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- **Suffolk Orchard survey**
- **Promoting new community orchards / Suffolk collections**
- **Newsletters and Advice Notes / Workshops**
- **Fruits and nuts culinary history**



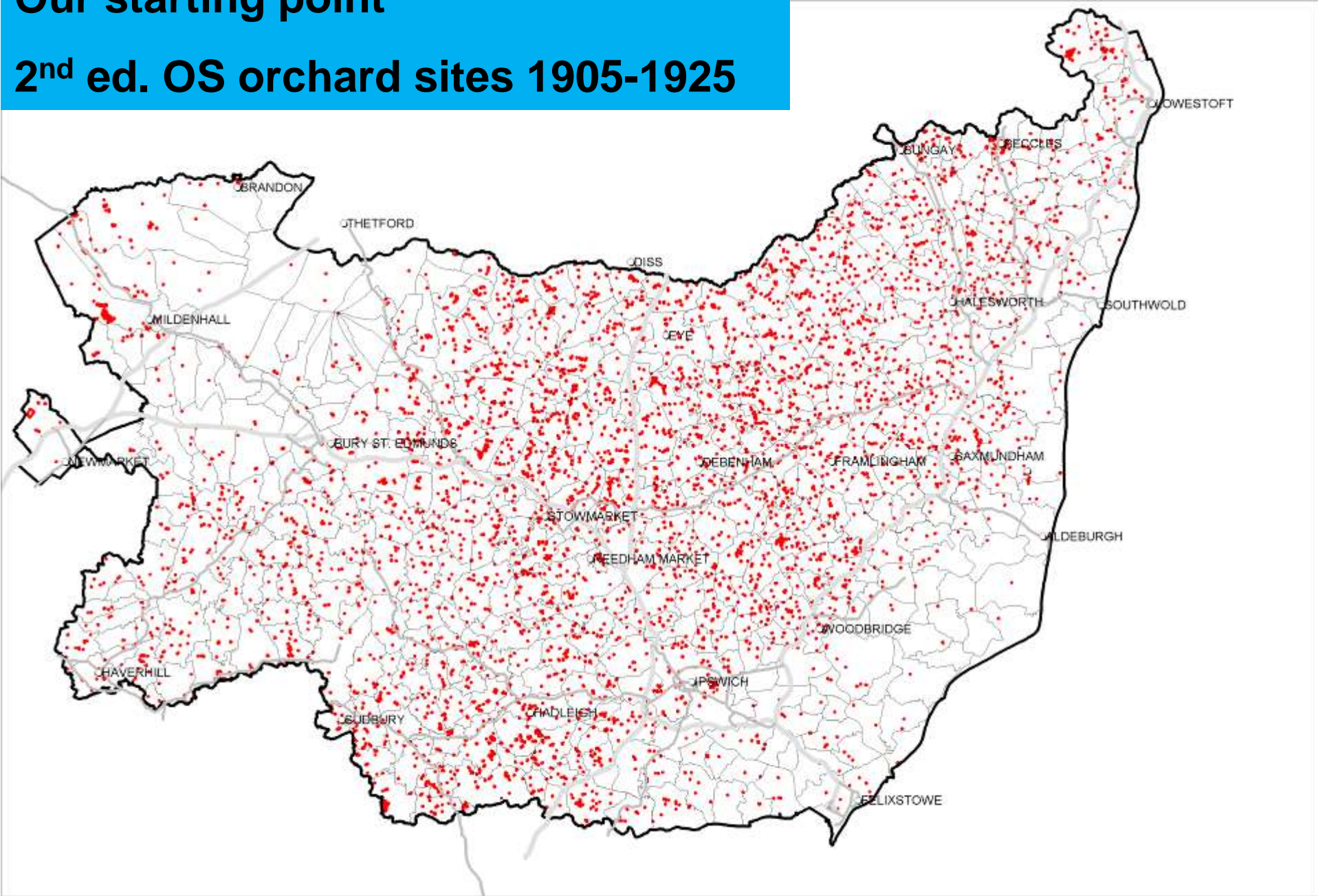
Suffolk Orchard Survey



**550 orchards recorded
from 53 parishes +**

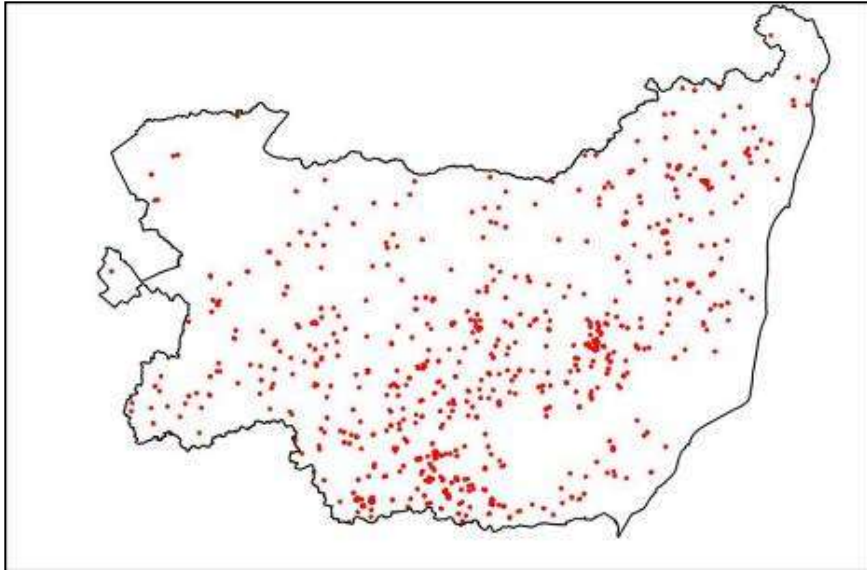
Our starting point

2nd ed. OS orchard sites 1905-1925



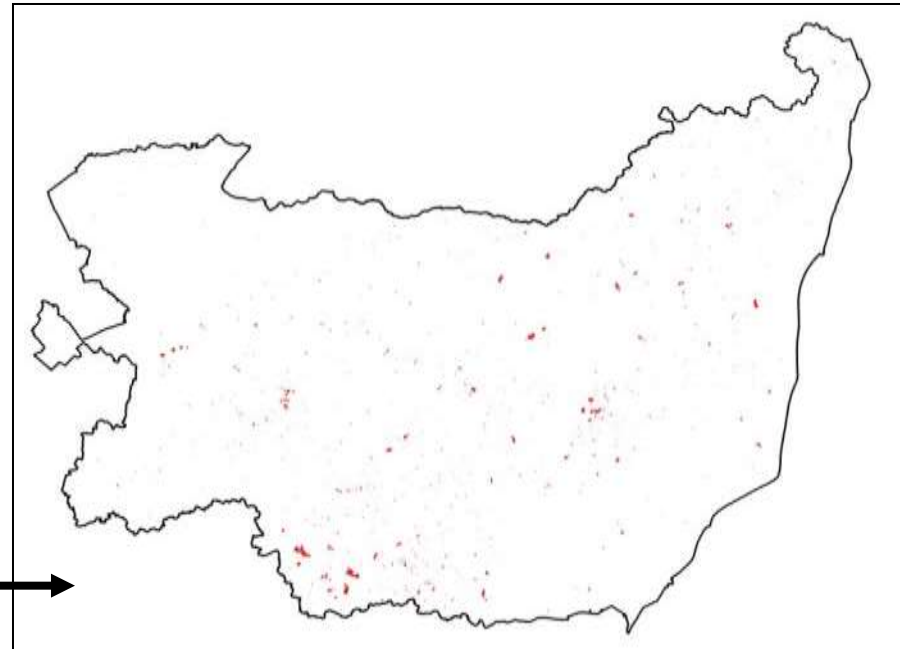
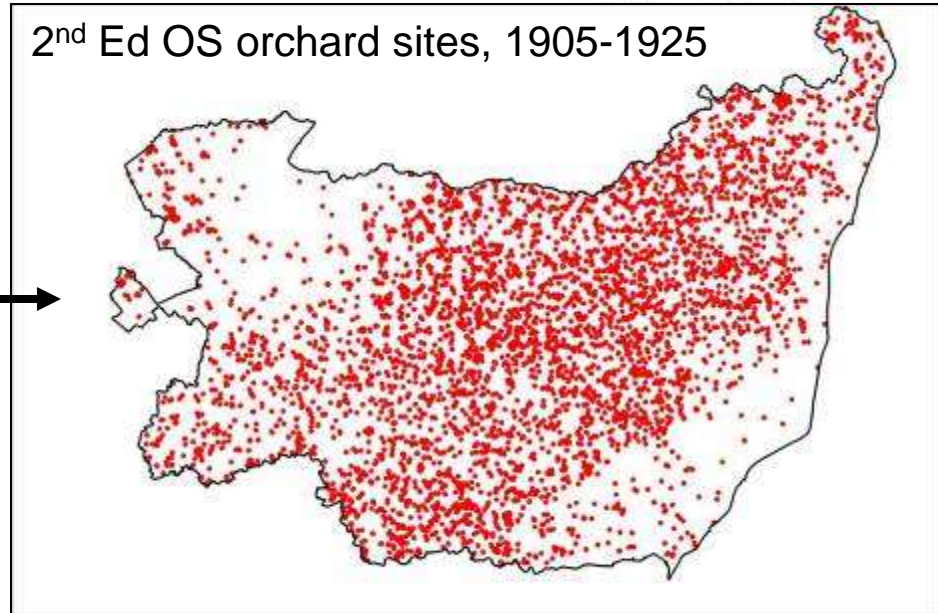
SURVEY MAP LAYERS

1. Historical orchards
c. 2000 sites

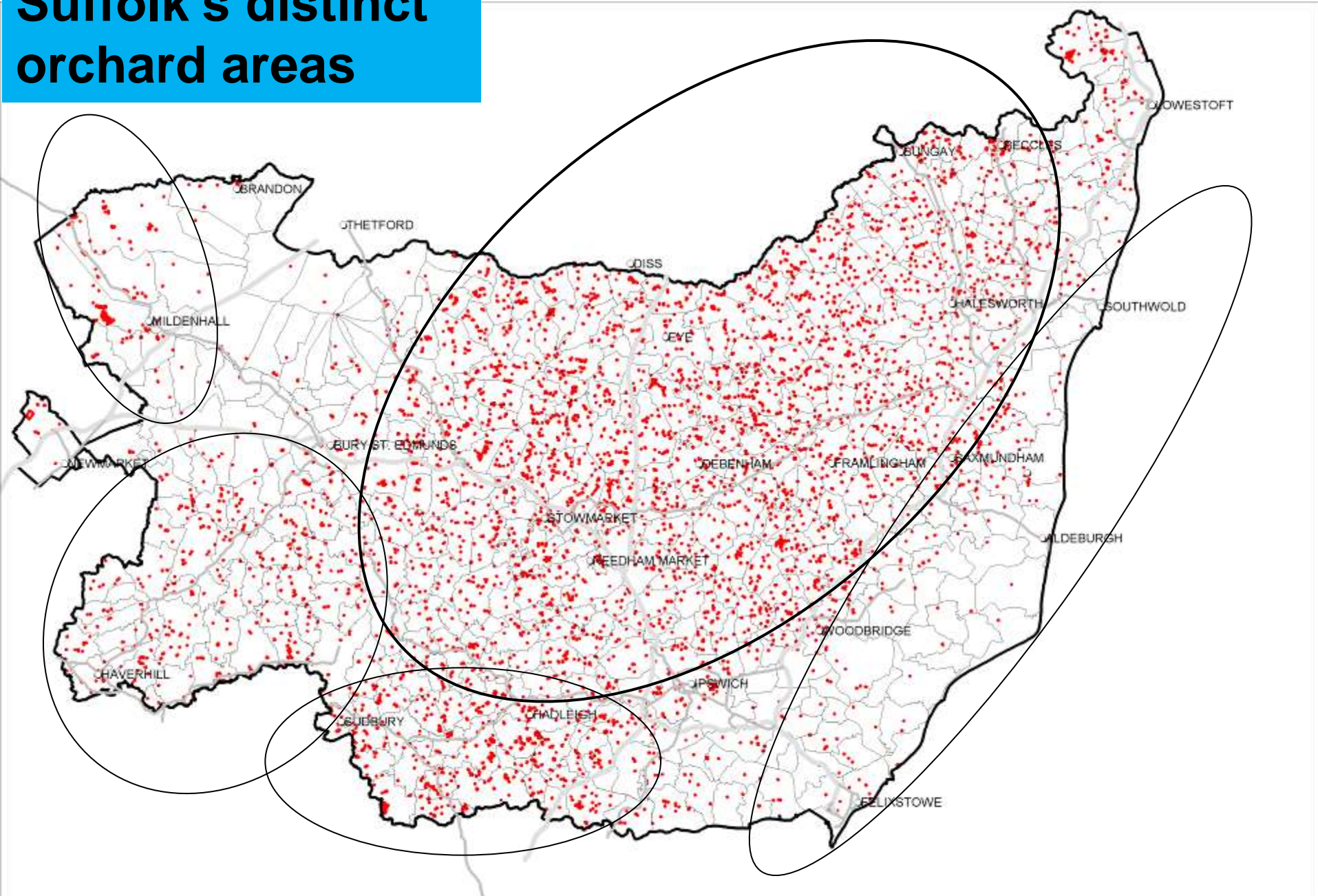


2. PTES orchard sites - 590

3. OS MasterMap - 187 sites



Suffolk's distinct orchard areas



Training for surveyors



Survey information pack
Maps
Survey form
Practical experience...

Completed survey form for Wilby parish

Phase 1 SUFFOLK ORCHARD SURVEY, complete boxes, or delete as appropriate
Use one sheet or side for each site. For any other information please write on a blank sheet of paper.

Surveyor's name	JULIAN ROUGHTON	Dates of visit/s	02 04 11
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Parish	WILBY	OS Grid Ref	TM 246716
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Site No	1.	Location	WILBY HOUSE
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1 Does this orchard still exist completely or partially

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If YES go to Q2, if NO go to Q10
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2 How much of the mapped area of the site is present as an orchard?
(Give percentage if possible, please)

100%

(Not shown on map supplied but on 1880's OS map and since)
Also 1834 field adjacent called 'Orchard Meadow'

3 Approx how many fruit trees, including stone fruits & nut trees, are present on the site?

27

4 a What is the form of most of the trees?

Standards, Trunks 1.5m+	Half standards, trunks under 1m	Multi-stemmed trees	Bushes up to 2m high.
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b Briefly describe the size trees, and state how many are more than 30cm (1ft) in diameter.

> 30cm diameter Apple (16) Pear (2) Cherry (1) Plum (1) inc. dead trees. Most trees blown down in 1987 + growing lying down.

5 Are there fruit trees or bushes (including stone fruits & nuts) growing in the hedges around the site?

Yes	No
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6 What is the composition of the ground cover?

Mown grassland	Grazed grassland	Rough grassland	Scrub/brambles	Bare ground
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* Flora: meadowsweet, red campion, snowdrops, narcissi, creeping jenny, snakesheres

7 Are there small fruit bushes (including stone fruits & nuts) growing inside the boundary hedges of the site?

Yes	Yes	No	1 plum only
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8 If grazed, what animals are used?

Cattle	Sheep	Horses	Chickens	Geese	Other (please specify)
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9 Do trees showing signs of damage by livestock?

Yes	Yes	No
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10 If the orchard no longer exists what is the current use of the site?

Grassland	Arable	Housing	Garden/amenity	Other built development
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11 If the orchard no longer exists, are there any fruit trees still present on the site?
If so, how many?

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12 Details of owner, or "carer", if available, name, address, tel. no, email..... if possible.

JULIAN ROUGHTON, WILBY HOUSE, WILBY, EYE IP21 5LR btinternet.com
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Wordwell Hall, W. Suffolk



Typical small farm orchard with many varieties



Planted during WWII, now being restored under Higher Level Stewardship

Detailed surveys - Richard Fisk and Chris Hitch at Wordwell Hall





One of 35 orchard sites recorded in Framlingham
One large apple tree left, probably Blenheim Orange

Survey results February 2015

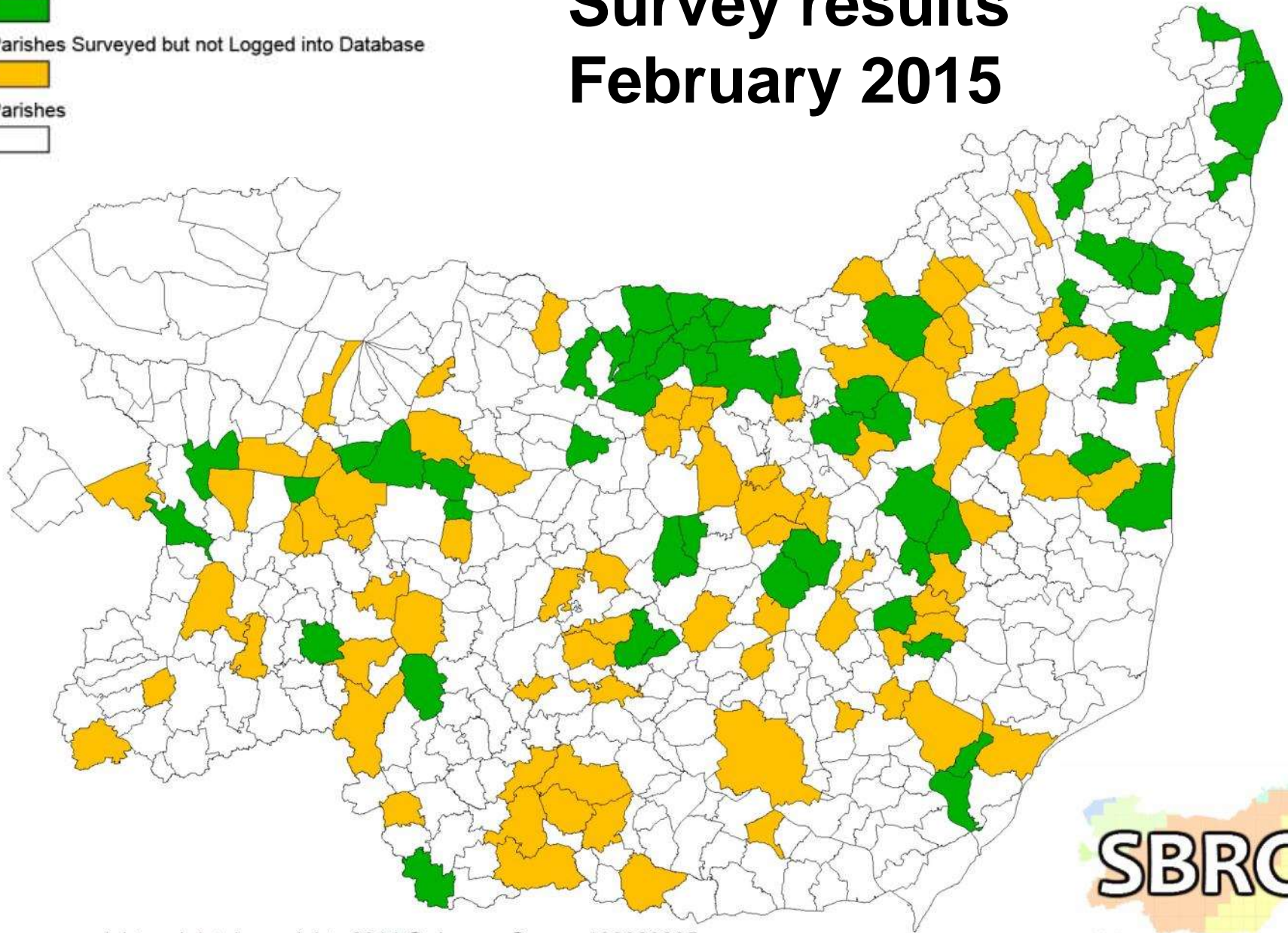
Parishes in Database



Parishes Surveyed but not Logged into Database



Parishes



A volunteer's view



“Surveying the Orchards in my own parish and the neighbouring ones has been so interesting and also fun.

You never know what to expect. I've had to recall childhood skills like crawling under branches and brambles as some orchard sites have been so overgrown!

Sue Mobbs Nov 2013

County Collections



8 Suffolk / regional
collections planted

Suffolk and Regional collections



- Great Cornard Country Park
- Debenham Millennium Wood
- Debenham Two Fields
- Metfield Allotments
- Elmswood (Lukeswood)
- Broxted Estate
- Pakenham Water Mill
- Thornham Estate



Metfield allotments community project - Claylands



Broxted Estate, Sutton - Sandlings



- Old orchard farm site – 2 large trees
Newton Wonder apple and unidentified pear.
- March 2012: Dunwich Heath apple, Apple Thorpeness and Walberswick Wonder
- Old cobnut site
- Culinary pears / Sandlings plums



Promoting New Plantings Amenity, farm, community and school orchards



49 orchards in progress / finished
15 in planning

Hacheston Community Orchard



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Hacheston: Volunteers plant orchard in memory of Tony Dyer

Thursday, February 21, 2013 10:52 AM



Recommend this on Google

VOLUNTEERS turned out in force to plant an orchard to honour the memory of a village stalwart.



People in Hacheston, near Framlingham, wanted to commemorate the life of Tony Dyer, who died in July last year.

He made a huge contribution to the community and played a major role in building the village hall in 2008.

As a result the village hall committee decided to plant an orchard in his memory, asking the Suffolk Traditional Orchards Group for advice. On Saturday around 40 villagers – young and old – planted the 60 trees, all of which are varieties of traditional fruit.



Volunteers turned out in force to help plant a traditional orchard in Hacheston, near Framlingham.



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More news

Mental health trust is first in country to be put into special measures

Proposed tobacco investment ban declared illegal in Suffolk

Prime Minister returns to Suffolk to launch vision for East Anglia

Bus fares hike for 16 to 18 year old college and sixth form students

Tributes paid to long-standing Colchester journalist Paul Davidson

Profits plunge at British Gas owner Centrica

Girl in Felixstowe seriously injured in collision with car yesterday has been transferred to



Farm Africa



Greenest County



Andy Abbott



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EAST ANGLIAN

Eades Orchard, Framsden



Scattered orchard

Waldringfield, Newbourne & Hemley



Ipswich Borough Council

Defoe Road
– planted
March 2013



Tenant panel bears fruit

The North West Area Housing Panel approved funding to transform an area of open ground behind Council properties on Defoe Road into an orchard for local residents to enjoy. Funding up to £3,000 was committed and housing officers Georgina Armstrong and Charlotte McEnery coordinated work. The Community Payback team cleared overgrown brambles and rubbish from the site ready for planting. The Suffolk Traditional Orchard Group kindly advised on the best mix of fruit trees and canes for the space and helped on planting day. Pictured are Paul Reed from the Orchard Group, Georgina, Tenant Rep Angela Griffiths and Trevor Goodrich from Parks Service who all came to lend a hand. Thanks to the panel and everyone's hard work Defoe Road residents have a great space to enjoy plums, apples, quince, raspberries and gooseberries for years to come. For more about Tenant Panels phone Simon on 01473 433291.



Plums, apples,
quince,
raspberries,
gooseberries



Pettistree Jubilee apple avenue in churchyard

A wonderful
100 year
legacy for the
parish



Advisory / Publications



**Many, MANY workshops
and fruit days!**

11 Newsletters

6 Advice Notes published

Events 2013

Programme of events

All workshops are led by Paul Read, chair of Suffolk Traditional Orchards Group

Date	Event
Sat 13 July	<i>"Planning and planting a traditional orchard"</i> , a one day course for community groups and individuals that want to plant a traditional orchard. At Thrandeston Village Hall, near Eye with a visit to a newly planted traditional orchard.
Wed 24 July	Holywells Park Wildlife Day , Ipswich 12pm-4pm (STOG is attending the opening of the newly planted orchard, and providing an advice centre.) Open to everyone.
Sat 10 Aug	<i>A visit to Kentish cobnut plats near Maidstone, Kent. Contact Paul Read</i>
Wed 14 Aug	<i>A tour of the National Fruit Collection at Brogdale, Faversham Kent. Contact Paul Read</i>
Sat 17 Aug	Plums and Cobnuts Day, Orchard Barn, Ringshall, Suffolk. Open to everyone
Wed 21 Aug	<i>"An introduction to the identification of summer-ripe tree fruit varieties"</i> , a one day course, at Thrandeston, Suffolk. <i>Contact Paul Read</i>
Sat 31 Aug	Autumn Harvest Festival , Wandlebury, Cambridgeshire (STOG providing fruit identification). Open to everyone.
Sat 7 Sep	<i>"Propagation of fruit trees by budding"</i> , a one day course, at Home Farm, Thrandeston, Suffolk. <i>Contact Paul Read</i>
Sat 21 Sept	Farnham Common Orchard Day , Bucks, (STOG providing fruit identification) Open to everyone.
Sun 6 Oct	SWT Foxburrow Farm Apple Day (STOG providing fruit identification and other delights) Open to everyone.
Sat 12 Oct	<i>"An introduction to the identification of tree fruit varieties"</i> , a one day course, at Thrandeston, Suffolk. <i>Contact Paul Read</i>
Sun 13 Oct	SWT Redgrave & Lopham Fen Apple Day (STOG providing fruit identification and other delights) Open to everyone.

Fruit Identification – 'Apple' Days



TREE GRAFTING WORKSHOPS



**By March
2014**

**More than
700 trees
grafted by
volunteers
and given
away**

Grafted trees waiting for homes



PUBLICATIONS



January 2013

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SUFFOLK TRADITIONAL ORCHARDS GROUP

Newsletter and Workshop Programme 2013



Rattle? This apple was brought in to an apple day in Suffolk in autumn 2012, but we have seen it on three previous apple identification days.

An apple called Rattle

About 10 years ago this apple was shown at a display at Crapes Fruit Farm in Aldham, Essex. It was collected and propagated by the proprietors, John and Andrew Tann, from a farm orchard in south Suffolk. Then in 2008, again in 2009, and lately in 2012 it, or something very similar, was brought in to various Suffolk apple days. The last time was from Woodbridge, and previously, from Fornicett and Flowton. Whether these are all exactly the same cultivar isn't clear, but they all have a wide open cavity with small spherical seeds that rattle, pale green skin, turning yellow with sparse spidery russetting, and a long stalk, and are exceptionally elongated. It is a long keeping dessert apple with fine pale green fine textured flesh and with a nice, but rather bland, russet-like flavour in December. The name we are using comes from Andrew Tann's name for it.

Other apples, especially early codlins like Keswick Codlin and Emneth Early have a similar wide open cavity, but none are so extreme. We would be very interested to know if anyone else knows of this apple. It obviously isn't common but there are many well-known varieties that have not been brought in to us 3 times in 5 years!

We know, more or less, where these come from. Since 2008, we have recorded the post code origin of all the fruit brought to us at Apple Days. This winter we are grafting Rattle for planting in Suffolk Collection orchards.



See page 7 to learn about C16th marmalade and for Monica Askay's recipe



Spring 2014

Issue 7

SUFFOLK TRADITIONAL ORCHARDS GROUP

Newsletter and Workshop Programme Spring 2014

EVENTS

Please note there is an **Orchard Surveyor's course on Saturday 12th April at Foxburrow Farm, Melton near Woodbridge**. There are still places available - contact Paul Read to book (see p.16). All STOG courses are free. Do join us!

DUNWICH HEATH and MINSMERE SEASIDE FRUIT TREES WALK

Sarah Day is one of STOG's volunteers who has surveyed the orchards in her own parish and elsewhere in north Suffolk. She, like others, is interested in the fruit trees growing so very close to Suffolk's sea. She has walked a regular route and has mapped these trees along a circular path round Dunwich Heath and Minsmere (p. 2) and here describes both the walk and the trees (p. 3). Her list is almost certainly incomplete; other apple and pear trees probably exist in the area, indeed we are both quite sure we have seen others over the years, but amongst the thick vegetation they can be difficult to re-locate unless in flower.

There are a number of alternative origins for the apple, pear and plum trees in open country and farmland. Some have undoubtedly been planted, but most seem to be feral seedlings. They may originate from recently discarded cores or

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Advice Notes



SUFFFOLK TRADITIONAL ORCHARD GROUP

Advice Note 2 (STOGAN 2)

FRUIT VARIETIES FOR SUFFOLK TRADITIONAL & AMENITY ORCHARDS

Version 6 September 2012

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Fig 1. Apple, Catshead, an ancient variety of unknown origin. Fruit from different trees can vary in storage characteristics and colour, indicating that these may not all be the same variety. However, all Catsheads are green in October when picked.



SUFFFOLK TRADITIONAL ORCHARD GROUP

Advice Note 5 (AN5)

LIVE COLLECTIONS OF ORCHARD FRUIT VARIETIES IN SUFFOLK

Draft Version 4, May 2012

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Culinary History



Monica Askay (Cook and Food Historian) has provided a wealth of information about Suffolk's orchard fruit crops in the past – she will tell you more shortly....





Thank You for listening! “