

## COMMUNITY ORCHARD

The varieties of apple and pear in the orchard have been chosen to take account of pollination groups, the date when each variety should be picked, and when they should be eaten.

The dates shown below are from the EEAOP catalogue. However, weather conditions this year (frost in March, drought in June and July) mean that some of these dates are unreliable and we will have to decide on the picking date for each tree as it becomes ready. The fruit will be put in a box by the gate as soon as it is picked — please help yourself.

	Type	Pick in...	Store until...
<b>Apples</b>			
Brownlees Russet	Dessert	Mid-October	December to March
Bushey Grove	Cooking	Mid-September	September to December
Crimson Newton Wonder	Cooking	Mid-October	November to March
Dawn	Dessert	Late October	November to March
Fairie Queen	Dessert	Mid-September	September/October
Gavin	Dessert	Early October	October to December
Rivers St Martins	Dessert	Early October	October to December
Thomas Rivers	Cooking	Early September	September to November
Young's Pinello	Dessert	Mid-October	November/December
<b>Pears</b>			
Conference	Dessert	Late September	October/November
Fertility	Dessert	Mid-September	September/October
Parrot	Dessert	Mid-September	September/October
Saint Luke	Dessert	Mid-September	September/October

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