

Survey of Border Orchards

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1 INTRODUCTION

An orchard can be defined as an intentional planting of trees or shrubs maintained for food production. Most orchards comprise either fruit e.g. apples, pears, plums and cherries or nut-producing trees. They may be for commercial production but are also often a feature of large gardens, where they serve an aesthetic as well as a productive purpose. Most temperate-zone orchards are laid out in a regular grid, with a grazed or mown grass or a bare soil base that makes maintenance and fruit gathering easy. Traditional small orchards may also have had poultry and bees. Orchards are often concentrated near bodies of water, where extremes of climate are moderated and blossom time is delayed until the danger of frost is past (Encyclopaedia Britannica, 2007).

Orchards are thought to have been introduced to Britain by the Romans. When Christianity was established in AD 597 by St. Augustin, orchards were created in monasteries. A manuscript (circa 1165) of part of the plan of the garden of Christ Church monastery in Canterbury shows a pomerium or an apple garden, consisting of apples and pears for eating and apples for cider making. After their Conquest of 1066 the Normans also introduced many apple types to Britain, the first recorded of which were the Pearmain and the Costard (History of Apple Growing, 2007).

With the increase in large commercial fruit production in Britain and Europe over the last century, smaller village and town orchards have been lost or neglected. These orchards often contained rare local varieties of fruit and wildlife niches, above and below ground for bacteria, fungi, plants, insects birds and mammals. Indeed fruit trees can be said to achieve synthesis of function, aesthetics and conservation (Butterworth, 2001) In Scotland, apart from the Clyde Valley, there have never been large areas of orchards but fruit trees are nevertheless an important element of the mix of trees in towns and villages. It is estimated that there are 140 000 apple trees, equivalent to a 140 hectare orchard, within the city of Edinburgh (Butterworth, 2001).

1.1 THE BORDERS

The Borders Region is in the south east of Scotland (see map below). Geographically the region is hilly, with the River Tweed flowing west to east through the region. In the east of the region the rich agricultural area that borders the River Tweed is known as 'The Merse'. The Tweed and its tributaries drain the entire region with the river flowing into the North Sea at Berwick-upon-Tweed, and forming the border with England for the last twenty miles or so of its length (Gazetteer of Scotland).

The Border abbeys of Dryburgh, Jedburgh, Kelso and Melrose were founded in the 12th century by King David I (1124-1153). He imported religious orders from Europe into the south of Scotland and the monks built the monasteries receiving grants of some of the richest farmlands in Scotland. These monasteries were like multinational corporations who improved the economy and established trading links to European markets. It is believed that fruit growing was introduced to the region by these monks. Indeed, the apple variety "White Melrose" is thought to have been grown by the monks of Melrose Abbey and is still grown in the Borders (See Anton's Hill & Priorwood Garden). Likewise,

Coldstream priory, founded in 1150, by Gospatrick, the Earl of Dunbar and situated on the banks of the Tweed, was important for fruit growing. In the 13th century, in a return for papal taxation in Scotland, Coldstream priory is the only ecclesiastical establishment that derived revenue from the produce of its fruit gardens (Hardy, 1876). In the Borders, as in the rest of Scotland, monasteries and private estates were the main practitioners of growing fruit trees until the 20th century (Butterworth, 2001).



Plate 1 Map showing the Borders Region



Plate 2 Map showing the main Border towns

1.2 AIMS

The following is a survey of orchards in the Borders commissioned by Borders Forest Trust, the aims of which are as follows:

- to identify remnant and lost orchards within the Borders Region
- establish the location, size and approximate age of each orchard
- where possible identify any rare and old varieties of fruit
- to assess the number and type of fruit trees (i.e. apple, plum, pear etc) at each orchard
- to assess condition & current management of each orchard supported by photographs
- to investigate the historical context of orchards within the Borders

2 METHOD

Potential orchard owners in the Borders were contacted by letter, e-mail or telephone to arrange meetings at orchard sites. Letters were written to addresses in the Borders with "Orchard" in the title, requesting a meeting. Once contact was made, orchard sites were visited with the owner or manager. Owners and tenants were asked about their own orchard, local history and any other orchards known to them. Digital photographs were taken at each site & information recorded. Walled gardens with free standing trees were

included in the survey. In addition a search was made of old maps. Site visits took place Between May and October 2007.

3 RESULTS

Orchard descriptions and photographs are presented in Appendix 1

A summary of the data collected is presented in Appendix 2

4 CONCLUSIONS

- many orchards within walled gardens are associated with estate houses e.g. Traquair, Floors, Priorwood, Philiphaugh, Cumledge
- a few orchards (Gattonside , Melrose, Kelso & Coldstream & Jedburgh) are remnants of very old orchards or orchard sites, with connections going back to the Border Abbeys & Coldstream Priory
- several houses with “Orchard” in their name still have old fruit trees (Cockburnspath, Kelso & Gattonside & Denholm)
- most orchards in the borders are small (between 100 – 5000m²)
- most orchards are 100 years old or more
- many trees, especially pears are very old (100+years)
- most orchards on 19th century town maps have disappeared (Coldstream, Kelso, Melrose/Gattonside & Jedburgh)
- Coldstream was important for fruit growing having many “fruit gardens” in the 19th century
- Jedburgh was important for pear production (Jedhart Pears) in the 19th century
- old commercial orchards have been developed for housing but some old trees remain e.g. Cockburnspath, Denholm, Kelso, Gattonside, Jedburgh
- apples are the most commonly grown fruit, followed by plums and pears (except in Jedburgh where pears are more common)
- other fruits grown include damsons, crab apples & cherry plums
- a local cider company (Peelwalls/Eden Brands Ltd.) appear to be the only significant commercial orchard managers in the Borders & are already restoring old orchards for better production. They keen to collaborate with conservation bodies & plant old varieties
- there is potential to collaborate with orchard owners to improve management of their orchard for wildlife
- there are many more small orchards in the Borders attached to town houses, farmhouses, old manse houses and small country estates etc. which have not been included in this study
- many gardens have only one or two old fruit trees which are remnants of old orchards e.g. Cockburnspath
- trees & orchards are often part of gardens and ornamental & amenity value is important to owners
- owners are interested in preserving old trees and finding out about old varieties

- owners are most concerned about correct pruning & are afraid of damaging trees so often do nothing
- most owners do not use any chemicals and are “organic” by default rather than by design
- a significant amount of fruit goes to waste especially in glut years because owners are unable to store & use fruit themselves & most owners would like to see fruit used
- most are aware of/interested in wildlife associated with their orchard, especially birds and are keen to improve the wildlife value
- Scottish varieties reported by owners in this survey include, James Grieve, Bloody Ploughman, White Melrose, Galloway Pippin & Scotch Dumpling

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7 APPENDICES

7.1 ORCHARDS

7.1.1 BERWICKSHIRE AREA

The old county of Berwickshire is in the eastern part of the Borders and is made up of small towns, villages and farms. Duns is the county town but Coldstream, on the river Tweed has been historically important for its orchards (see Coldstream Orchards).

7.1.1.1 Anton's Hill Walled Garden, Leitholm

Grid Reference: NT 784433

Size/area of orchard: 7 500 m²

Approximate age of orchard 150 yrs

Approximate number of fruit trees: 200+ (150-160 named varieties)

Species of fruit tree: Apple 150+ Pear 20 Plum 20

Other ...Figs, Peaches & apricots Wall trained & under glass

Approximate Age and Condition of Trees

The fruit trees here are grown within an old walled garden (formerly belonging to Anton's Hill House) & it has a mix of old and new trees. Most of these are named varieties. Some apples & pears may go back to 1857 & some are about 50 years old but the majority have been planted in the last 10 years. The owner is an experienced fruit grower and the trees are in very good condition.

Management

Fruit trees are grown for stock & maiden apple trees are sold. Some fruit is used for juice. Windfalls are all gathered and go to feed wild boars at Coldingham. The owner is creating a memorial garden & gene pool with a collection of old and new varieties of apples including "White Melrose", which may be associated with Melrose Abbey. Trees are propagated by budding.

Trees are pruned in winter for shape and in summer for fruit & never sprayed (totally organic). The trees are interspersed with flower and vegetable beds. Grass is regularly mowed and chickens are kept in a fenced of section. Conservation Value is high due to the number and variety of trees. Mix of old & new.

History

The orchard is situated in what was the walled garden for Anton's Hill house. The fruit and vegetables would have been used by the household.



**Plate 3 Site of Anton's Hill Walled Garden
Scale 1:25000**



**Plate 5 Companion planting of Nasturiums
with apple trees, Anton's Hill Walled Garden**



**Plate 4 Old apple tree rich in moss & lichens,
Antons Hill Walled Garden**



**Plate 6 Old and new apple trees, Antons Hill
walled Garden**

7.1.1.2 The Orchard, Cockburnspath

Grid Reference: ...NT 775710

Area of orchard: 500m²

Approximate age of orchard: 100+

Approximate number of fruit trees: 7

Species of fruit tree: Apple 5 Pear 1 Plum 1

Approximate Age and Condition of Trees

The pear tree at front of the house is thought to be very old. The variety is unknown but it fruits very well and the fruit is sweet and tasty. The apple & plum trees are much more recent i.e. 5-20yrs old. The fruit is used by family and given away to friends. Some pears are given to the local shop.

Management

The trees are never sprayed & deadwood is removed. Owners do not prune because they are unsure of the correct method. The area under trees is mowed as part of the garden.

History

House is in a small estate of relatively new (1980s) houses which were built in what was the orchard for Cockburnspath House which is now a hotel. It is thought by the owner to have been managed commercially within living memory (local knowledge). The neighbours do not have any fruit trees.



Plate 7 Site of Orchard House in Cockburnspath



Plate 8 Younger apple trees in Orchard House garden



Plate 9 Old pear which may be remnant of orchard predating the house

7.1.1.3 Sunnyside, Duns

Grid Reference; NT782538

Area of orchard: 200m²

Approximate age of orchard 100yrs

Approximate number of fruit trees: 11

Species of fruit tree: Apple 9 Pear 0 Plum 1

Other 1 Crab Apple

Approximate Age and Condition of Trees

Several apple trees appear quite old, possibly 50+ years. They are in good condition and appear to be well looked after.

Management

The trees are in good condition & regularly pruned but not sprayed (no need). The grass between the trees is mowed as part of a lawn/drying green. The fruit is used by the family but much goes to waste or is eaten by birds and insects.

Historic use of orchard

The house was originally the Factor's house for Duns Castle in the mid 1900s. It is likely that fruit trees were grown at that time for household use & this appears to be a typical small orchard of the time. Other similar houses in Duns have fruit trees but no orchards were noted.

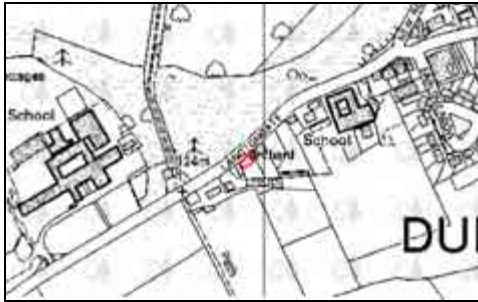


Plate 10 Sunnyside, Duns. Scale 1:5000



Plate 11 Apple tree Sunnyside, Duns



Plate 12 Orchard at Sunnyside, Duns

7.1.1.4 Cumledge House, Duns, Berwickshire

Grid Reference NT790563

Area of orchard: Small orchard 100m²/Walled garden 200m² Age of orchard if known: Small orchard 40yrs+ /House built 1834 walled garden 170yrs

Approximate number of fruit trees: 12 free standing / 15 in walled garden

Species of fruit tree: Apple 12 / 5 Pear 0 / 2 Plum 0 / 4

Other ...4 Cherry trees in walled garden

Approximate age and condition of trees

Cumledge House is associated with a small rural estate. The orchard here is not very old but the walled garden is probably the same age as the house (170 years old) and typical of a large country house. The trees in small orchard are in poor condition and are thought to be at least 40 years old. The site is very shaded but the owners have plans to remove overgrown *C. leylandii* hedge and improve the orchard. The trees in walled garden are older & are in better condition & fruit well. Some fruit is used by the household & the remainder goes to birds. The small orchard has geese, ducks, chickens & turkeys & the walled garden is managed as a cultivated vegetable and fruit garden.

Management

The small orchard is not actively managed for fruit although it is used for poultry. In the walled garden the trees are pruned & deadwood is removed. There is also a newly planted ornamental apple arch in the walled garden. The walled garden has a very well maintained vegetable garden but has a surplus of produce. The owner ran a box scheme for a while but has since recently given up.



Plate 13 Site of Cumledge House orchard & walled garden



Plate 15 Apple tree in poor condition at Cumledge house



Plate 14 Small orchard with poultry at Cumledge House



Plate 16 10 Walled garden Cumledge House with fruit trees trained on the walls

7.1.2 COLDSTREAM

Old maps of Coldstream indicate that it was an historically important fruit growing town. It is ideally situated with gentle south sloping gardens bounded by the Tweed and its tributary the Leet (see below).



Plate 17 Map showing sites if old orchards & present day orchards in Coldstream

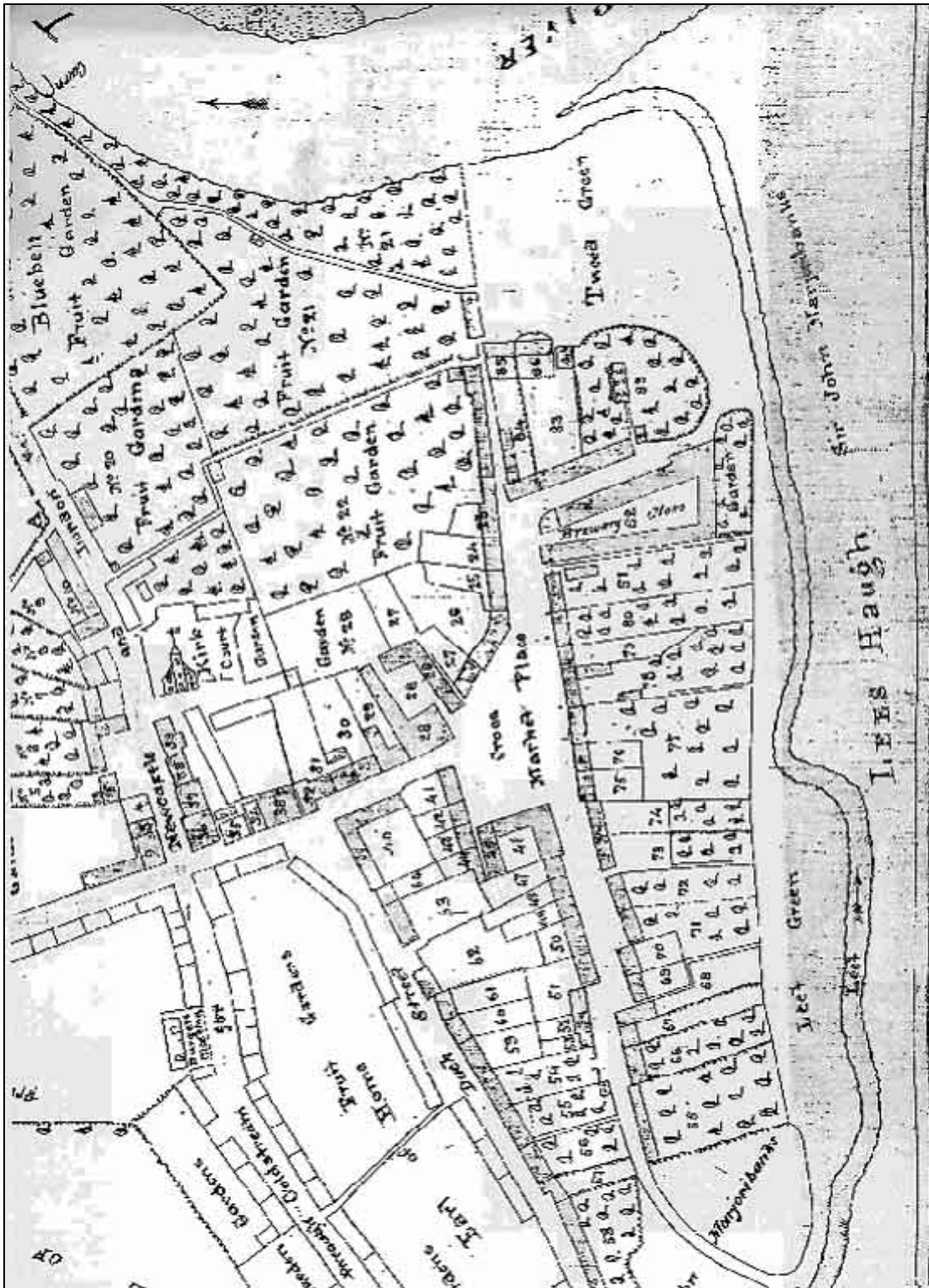


Plate 18 Copy of a section of the 1818 map of Coldstream (Sharp, 1818) showing the "fruit gardens" on the Earl of Haddington's Estate (kindly provided by Mr. Barr of Tweed Villa)

7.1.2.1 Tweed Villa, Coldstream

Grid Reference: NT 843397

Area of orchard: 4000m²

Approximate age of orchard: Shown on 1818 Map of Coldstream (see Plate) & may be associated with Coldstream Priory founded in 1150.

Approximate number of fruit trees: 12

Species of fruit tree: Apple 6 Pear 1 Plum2

Other: 3 damsons

Approximate age and condition of trees

Pear tree & most apple trees were already mature in 1967 (Per. con., Owner, Rosy Bank) Most are in good condition and fruit very well but the pear tree has not been doing well since last year with poor fruit and yellowing leaves. Currently, some used by family & friends & the rest left to birds & insects. Birds include Blackbirds, Fieldfares, Oystercatchers & Flycatchers.

Management

Trees are pruned occasionally but have not been done recently. Dead wood is removed & the trees are not sprayed. The orchard floor is mowed as part of the garden once spring bulbs have passed. One area under the trees has a carpet of Bluebells in spring (possibly native species and may be associated with the "Bluebell Garden" shown on the 1818 map & also the present day "Bluebell Steps" (see Plate). There are several old trees in Coldstream e.g. at Pear Tree House, but no actual orchards were reported.

History

The Orchard is now part of the grounds of Tweed Villa but formerly belonged to Rosy Bank House which was split into two properties (ca.1970). Rosy Bank no longer has old fruit trees but the garden is on the site of the Pomarium of Coldstream Priory. The same Orchard, which then belonged to Mr William Cunningham (on record of title deeds held by Mrs Machin) was researched & visited by James Hardy in 1876. Mr Hardy gives an account of this visit for the Berwickshire Naturalists Society and states that it represented the Pomarium of Coldstream Priory. The Priory grounds were damaged by Edward I's invading army in 1296. The Income from the orchard, over and above the household consumption, was then worth 100s annually. The Prioress consequently obtained a writ of indemnity for damages, which were duly paid.

Mr Cunningham lists the pear varieties in his orchard at that time as *Bergamot*, *Drummond*, *Auchan*, *Lammas*, *Jargonelle*, *Hessel*, *Green Pear of Yair* & *Bell-tongue*. The apples were listed as *Queen of England*, *Codlin*, *Paradise Pippin*, *Strawberry-pippin*, *Thorle Pippin*, *Lemon Pippin*, *Red Astrachan* & *Hawthornden*. Some of these may still be in the garden. The orchard is shown on the 1818 map of Coldstream showing the property of the Earl of Home (Fruit Garden No.21, Plate 18).



Plate 19 Orchard sites in Coldstream Scale 1: 25000



Plate 21 Typical Apple Tree in Tweed Villa Garden



Plate 20 Old trees in Tweed Villa garden



Plate 22 Tweed Villa Orchard viewed from Rosy Bank garden

7.1.2.2 Bank House, Coldstream

Grid Reference; NT 843397

Area of orchard: 2000m²

Approximate age of orchard: 170+ years

Approximate number of fruit trees: 18 Freestanding + 8 wall trained

Species of fruit tree: Apple 14 Pear 3 Plum 1

Other: Mix of apples, & plums trained on west facing wall

Approximate age and condition of trees

This is a large south sloping garden with a mix of old and new trees which were planted within the last 10 years. All are productive and in good condition. Currently, much of the fruit is used & some given away. Windfalls collected for tidiness.

History

The garden appears on 1818 Map of Coldstream as "Fruit Garden No. 20" (see Plate 18) & may have links to the Priory (see Tweed Villa). Trees are pruned as needed & not sprayed. Deadwood is removed for tidiness. The lawn round the trees is mowed.

7.1.2.3 Orchard Cottage, Coldstream

Grid Reference: NT 841393

Area of orchard: 2000m²

Age of orchard if known: 170+ years

Approximate number of fruit trees: 21

Species of fruit tree: Apple 14 Pear 2 Plum 3

Other : Cherries 2

Approximate Age and Condition of Trees

The older apples and pears are thought to be 50+ years old and the rest were planted more recently. All appear to be in good condition. Currently the fruit is used by friends, family, neighbours & birds. Owner reports that there is too much fruit in glut years so much goes to waste.

Management

Currently the trees are pruned every autumn & deadwood is removed. They are not sprayed and remain disease free. The grass on the orchard floor is mowed as part of the garden.

History

This is a relatively new house which was possibly built on the site of an old Fruit Garden typically found in this part of Coldstream. The garden is not recorded as a "Fruit Garden" on the 1818 map but this is probably because it was on the neighbouring "Marjoribanks Estate" (see plate 18)



Map 7 Site of Orchard Cottage orchard, Coldstream



Plate 16 Typical tree in Orchard Cottage garden, Coldstream



Plate 17 Orchard on south facing slope in Orchard Cottage garden

7.1.3 HAWICK AREA

7.1.3.1 Minto Glen

Grid Reference: NT574199

Area of orchard: 8000m²

Approximate age of orchard: 100+ years (was walled garden for Minto House so probably 19th C)

Species of fruit tree: Apple 40 – 50 Pear 2-3 Plum 2-3

Approximate Age and Condition of Trees

Previous owners kept trees in good condition. New owners are interested in maintaining the trees & perhaps planting more.

Management

Currently trees are pruned for yield as necessary by Peelwalls/Edenbrands. Spraying has not been needed. Deadwood is removed for tidiness. Grass is currently mowed & owners may plant freestanding fruit trees in the near future. Some fruit is used by Peelwalls/Edenbrands Cider Company. The owners use some apple juice for their own cider.

History

Originally Minto House walled Garden. Only fruit trees round the walls remain. A new house was built within the garden ca.1960/ 1970.



Plate 26 Site of Minto Glen Orchard / Walled Garden



Plate 27 Old fruit trees on south facing wall at Minto Glen



Plate 28 Minto Glen walled garden due to be planted with Apple trees

7.1.3.2 Elm Bank, Denholm

Grid Reference NT569185

Area of orchard: 1500m² Age of orchard if known: 100 +years

Approximate number of fruit trees: 15

Species of fruit tree: Apple 9 Pear 0 Plum 1

Other: Several Damsons & 1 Hybrid Plum x Damson (?)

Age and Condition of Trees

Six apple trees were planted in 1947. One Cox was planted 6 years ago & produces a good crop. Two old apple trees are from ca 1900 (1 cooker & 1 yellow fruited eater) & have hollows. Two or three damsons are remains of an old (pre 1947) orchard but these are tall and spindly. There are also several young damsons saplings derived from the older trees..

Management

The trees have been pruned in the past but not recently and they have never been sprayed. Deadwood is collected and piled up for wildlife. Long herbage is strimmed twice

yearly and the paths are mowed. Owners are very interested in birds and other wildlife & the garden has nesting boxes and two ponds. They have very good knowledge of local history. Fruit is used by family & friends (bartered for gin to make damson gin!). The remainder is left for birds (blackbirds and thrushes) and insects.

History:

The house was originally part of Cameronian Meeting House (Church and Manse) built in 1740. Owners think garden/orchard were probably part of the Glebe Lands belonging to the church. The Neighbouring house, The Grove was owned by a Mrs. White. The ground was known as "Eilidh White's Damson Orchard" and included the grounds of Croft Cottage and Orchard cottage. The damsons are thought to be from this orchard. Mrs. White also kept poultry and bees. Two damson trees at Croft Cottage are remnants of this orchard and have a Tree Preservation Order (See Plate 32)

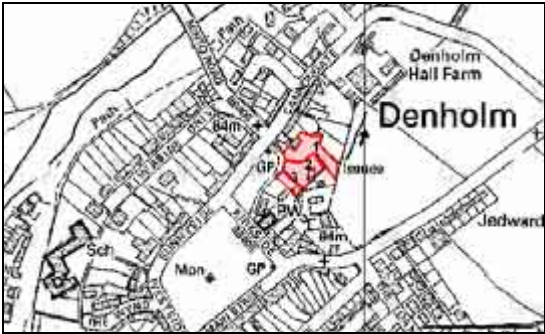


Plate 29 Shaded Area 1 = Elm Bank, Shaded Area 2 = Grove House, Shaded Area 3 = Croft Cottage



Plate 31 View of Damsons & Apples Orchard from Elm Bank House, Denholm



Plate 30 Apple planted Ca 1900 at Elm Bank, Denholm



Plate 32 Damsons thought to be from "Eilidh White's Damson Orchard", Croft Cottage, Denholm

7.1.3.3 Grove House, Denholm

Grid Reference: NT569185

Area of orchard: 200m²

Approximate age of orchard: 100+ years...

Approximate number of fruit trees: 6

Species of fruit tree: Apple 4 Pear 1 Plum 1

Approximate Age and Condition of Trees

The trees are in good condition. Owners think they were ca. 1900. Currently fruit is used by family & friends

Management

Trees pruned in the past but not recently and never sprayed. Well kept garden with mowed grass.

History

The Grove was owned by a Mrs. Eilidh White. The ground was known as "Eilidh White's Orchard" and included the grounds of Croft Cottage and Orchard Cottage (see Plate 33). The owners believe that the current garden was laid out by prisoners of war (1914-18).

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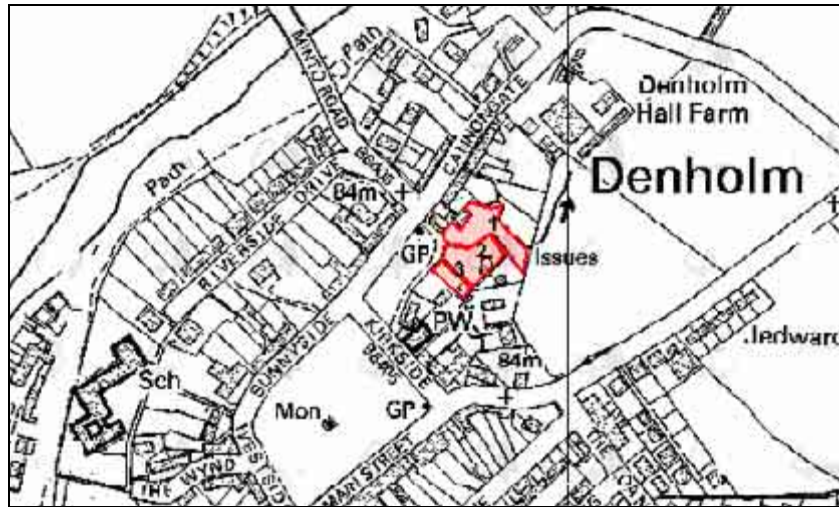


Plate 33 Shaded Area 1 = Elm Bank, Shaded Area 2 = Grove House, Shaded Area 3 = Croft Cottage



Plate 24 Old apple trees in front of Grove House

7.1.4 JEDBURGH

The present town developed in association with the Augustinian priory for French monks from St Quentin in Picardy founded by David I in 1138. Another important historic building is Mary Queen of Scots House, where she stayed in October 1566. Jedburgh (locally known as Jedhart) was famous in the 19th century for its pears, apples, plums were 'cried' in the streets of London, where the 'Jethart pears' were a favourite. The annual average value of the pears alone was then estimated at about 300L. (Gazetteer of Scotland, 1806)

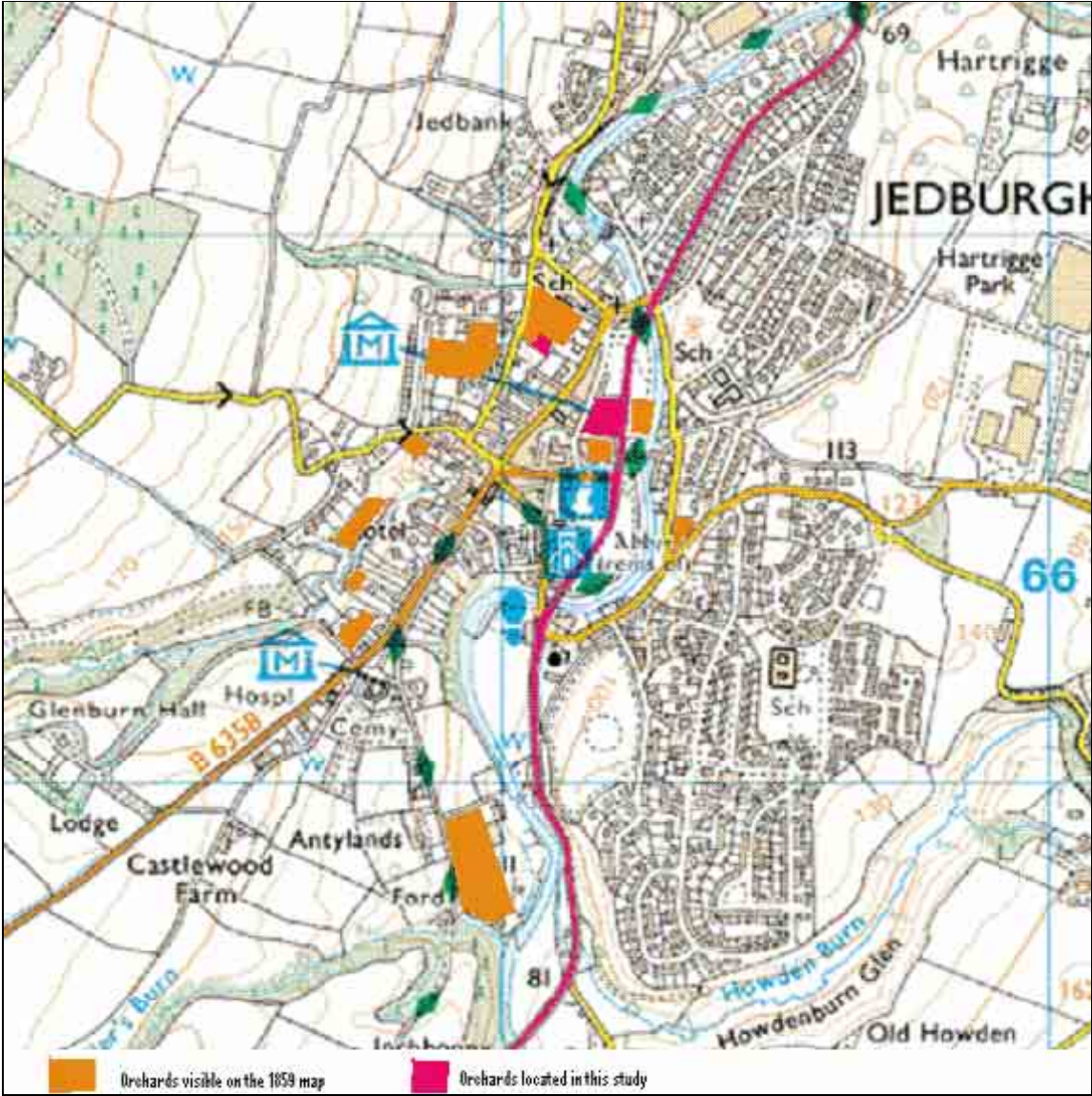


Plate 34 Map showing sites if old orchards & present day orchards in Jedburgh

7.1.4.1 Mary Queen of Scots House, Jedburgh

Grid Reference: NT651 206

Area of orchard: 5000m²

Approximate age of orchard: 140+ years (The house dates from the 16th century & the orchard appears on 1859 Map)

Approximate number of fruit trees: 19 (16 freestanding + 3 on wall)

Species of fruit tree: Apples 0 Pears 19 Plums 0

Approximate Age and Condition of Trees

There are five pear trees which look very old & ten younger free standing pears.

Management

The garden is managed by the Scottish Borders Region Parks Department and is very well kept with mown grass and flower borders. Trees have been sprayed in the past to control lichens. The trees are in good condition. The garden is open to the public so its function is mainly ornamental.

History

The orchard appears on 1859 map of Jedburgh & was once part of a much larger orchard of what were probably pears. Jedburgh was a commercially important pear growing town in the 19th century. This may have been a pear garden since time of Mary Stuart in the 16th century. A tree was planted in 1934 on the site of a tree known as "Queen Mary's Tree" (see Plate 38).

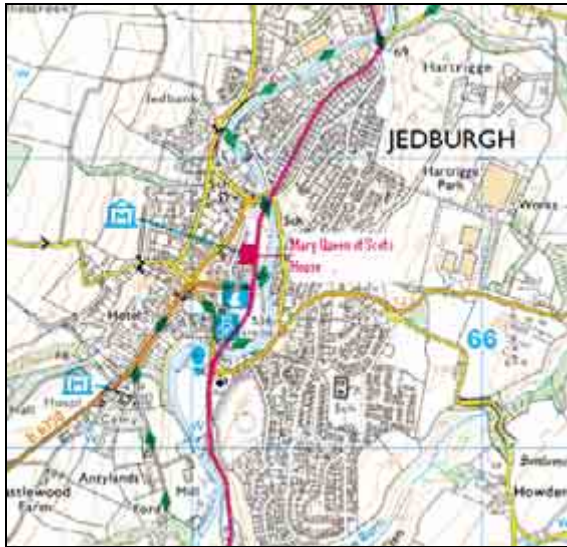


Plate 35 Site of Mary Queen of Scots House, Jedburgh



Plate 37 View of trees in front of Mary Queen of Scots House



Plate 36 Old pear tree in garden of Mary Queen of Scots House



Plate 38 Plaque on "Our Queen Mary's Tree"

7.1.4.2 Dillichip House, Jedburgh

Grid Reference: NT650207

Area of orchard: 1200m²

Approximate age of orchard: 300yrs+ years

Number of fruit trees: 9

Species of fruit tree: Apple 4 Pear 2 Plum 2

Other ...1 Greengage

Approximate age and condition of trees

One very old pear tree thought to be an original "Jedhart Pear" Other trees look old and are very productive. The pear trees have TPO.

Current use of orchard and

Grounds are owned by the neighbouring Co-op Supermarket who originally wanted to develop the site. The fruit is used by family & friends and some apples go to make cider locally.

History

The grounds were once part of the large garden belonging to the neighbouring large house. It is possible that the pears may have been produced commercially when pears were economically important in Jedburgh. The current tenant believes the oldest pear may be 300 years old (per. Con.).

Some pruning is carried out but it has not been necessary to spray. The grass round the trees is kept long for wild flowers by tenants & mowed after flowering. There are Bluebells in spring (may be native species but not sure). Wild strawberries were also reported.



Plate 39 Site of orchard at Dillichip House, Jedburgh



Plate 41 Pear thought to be a remnant "Jedhart Pear"



Plate 40 Old pear at Dillichip House, Jedburgh



Plate 42 View of the orchard in Dillichip garden

7.1.5 KELSO

Kelso is situated at the confluence of the Borders two main rivers, the Tweed and the Teviot. The abbey was founded in which was founded in 1148 by David I and populated by monks from Selkirk Abbey who came originally from Tiron in France (Moffat, 1985). It is in an ideal situation for fruit growing in a loop of the river (see below). The abbey's wealth came from its vast lands, its churches, schools, farms and its granges in the Cheviot Hills (Moffat, 1985).



Plate 43 Map showing sites of old orchards & present day orchards in Kelso

7.1.5.1 Floors Castle Gardens, Kelso

Grid Reference : NT707345

Area of orchard: 200m² (small orchard within large walled Garden)

Approximate age of orchard: 40 years (small orchard) Fruit grown in walled garden for 100+ years

Approximate number of fruit trees: 12 orchard trees (many other ornamental apples & fruit trees trained on the garden walls& in the Millennium Garden)

Species of fruit tree: Apple 12 Pear 2-3 Plum 3-4

Other: 59 Ornamental Apple trees in the Millennium Garden

Approximate Age and Condition of Trees

The apple trees in the small orchard are all named modern varieties which have been planted in the last 40 years. They are all in good condition. There are some very old apple trees on the walls behind and around the walled garden some of which are thought to be around 100 years old. An old Bramley is possibly about 140 years old (Per.con., Floors Estate Head Gardener)

Management

The trees are spur pruned annually. There is currently a problem with Woolly Aphids, so apple trees are pruned for openness in June. Deadwood is removed for tidiness as the gardens are open to the public. The estate is working towards organic status for the garden. Currently some fruit is used in Floors Castle shop but much goes to waste. Ornamental trees may have fruit removed for shape.

The small orchard has a groundcover of Pearlwort (*Sagina procumbens*) & is kept weed free by mowing, cultivation and occasional spraying. Ornamental trees are in mowed grass or well maintained flower borders. The ornamental Parterre Garden has the Scottish cultivars Bloody Ploughman, Galloway Pippin & Scottish Dumpling.

History

All fruit would originally be used by the Floors Castle Estate.



Plate 44 Site of fruit trees in Floors Castle gardens



Plate 46 Small orchard at Floors Castle



Plate 45 Typical apple tree in Floors castle small orchard



Plate 47 Pear trees trained on Floors castle walled garden



Plate 48 Apple trees trained as pyramids in the Millennium Parterre



Plate 49 Very old apple of unknown variety on wall behind Floors Castle walled garden

7.1.5.2 The Manse, Kelso

Grid Reference: NT 729337

Area of orchard: 100m²

Approximate age of orchard: 140 + years

Approximate number of fruit trees: 7

Species of fruit tree: Apple 7 Pear 0 Plum 0

Approximate age and condition of trees

Trees appear old (50+ years) and are well looked after by a regular gardener. They are very productive & all cookers. The trees are quite gnarled with flaky bark but otherwise appear to be in good condition. Currently the fruit is used by the household, parishioners, friends & neighbours.

Management

Trees are pruned regularly but are not spayed. Deadwood is removed & the grass is mowed weekly.

History

The current manse has been built in the grounds of the old manse which is now a private house. The site of the current Manse appears on the 1823 map as an orchard which was more extensive than it is now.

The ground and adjoining glebe field has belonged to the Church of Scotland since 1773 & it is likely that there will have been an orchard associated with the Manse since then. Before that, the ground was owned by Kelso Abbey.



Plate 50 Site of the Manse Orchard, Kelso



Plate 51 Typical apple tree in the Manse garden



Plate 52 Small apple orchard in the Manse garden, Kelso

7.1.5.3 The Orchard, Kelso

Grid Reference: NT 728334

Area of orchard: 800m²

Approximate age of orchard: 140 years (1863 map)

Number of fruit trees: 10

Species of fruit tree: Apple 4 Pear 1 Plum 4

Other: Damson

Approximate Age and Condition of Trees

Apart from a young pear tree, the rest of the trees appear to be quite old. The house was built in the 1960s and the older trees pre-date this time. The house was built in what was probably the orchard of the large house next door. The trees are in good condition in a well maintained garden. Hollows in some of the trees provide nests for a spotted woodpecker, tree creepers and blue-tits. The fruit is used by family and given away to friends. Windfalls go to the birds.

Management

The trees never sprayed (healthy) but are pruned & the deadwood is removed. The area under the trees is mowed as part of the garden & the lawn is occasionally given fertilizer. The garden borders the river Tweed which is a SSSI. The Giant Hogweed has been controlled in the past by the Tweed Forum.

History

An orchard is shown at this site on the 1823 map of Kelso. The large house next door (see Brig House) also still has an orchard. It looks like a very large orchard for one household so may have been managed commercially in the past.



Plate 53 Orchard sites Sprouston Rd., Kelso



Plate 54 Typical tree in the garden of Orchard House overlooking the Tweed



Plate 55 Orchard House drive which may be remnants of earlier orchard

7.1.5.4 Brig House, Kelso

Grid Reference: NT 728334

Area of orchard: 5000m²

Approximate age of orchard: 140 years (1823 map)

Approximate number of fruit trees: 13

Species of fruit tree: Apple 10 Pear 0 Plum 2

Other: Rogue Damson

Age and Condition of Trees

The large garden has numerous mature trees, the majority of which are apple trees. All predate the entry of the current owners in 1960's. Most trees in good condition although the owner thinks some may have to be removed soon because they are unsafe. The apples are a mix of cookers and eaters and are very productive. Owner has good knowledge of the quality & type of fruit from each tree. Apple varieties include Allanton Pippins & James Grieve. There are some good yellow eaters which don't keep well and Bramley type cookers.

Management

Do not spray. Have used "aphid Bands" in the past. Deadwood is removed and trees are cut back/pruned as necessary. Grass is mowed regularly as part of the garden. Some of the fruit is used & the rest given to neighbours and friends. Windfalls are enjoyed by birds

Historic Use of Orchard

It is thought that the orchard /field may have been rented out by the big house (Pinnacle Hill Estate) to a local cottager.



Plate 56 Sites of Brig House and Orchard House orchards in Kelso



Plate 57 Typical tree in Brig House garden



Plate 58 Southerly view of Brighthouse garden & wooden apple house



Plate 59 View of Brighthouse garden looking North

7.1.6 MELROSE & GATTONSIDE

Melrose and the Abbey are situated on the south side of the river. However, Gattonside has long been associated with orchards and it is thought that the south facing slopes on the north side of the river were the likely site of the original orchards.

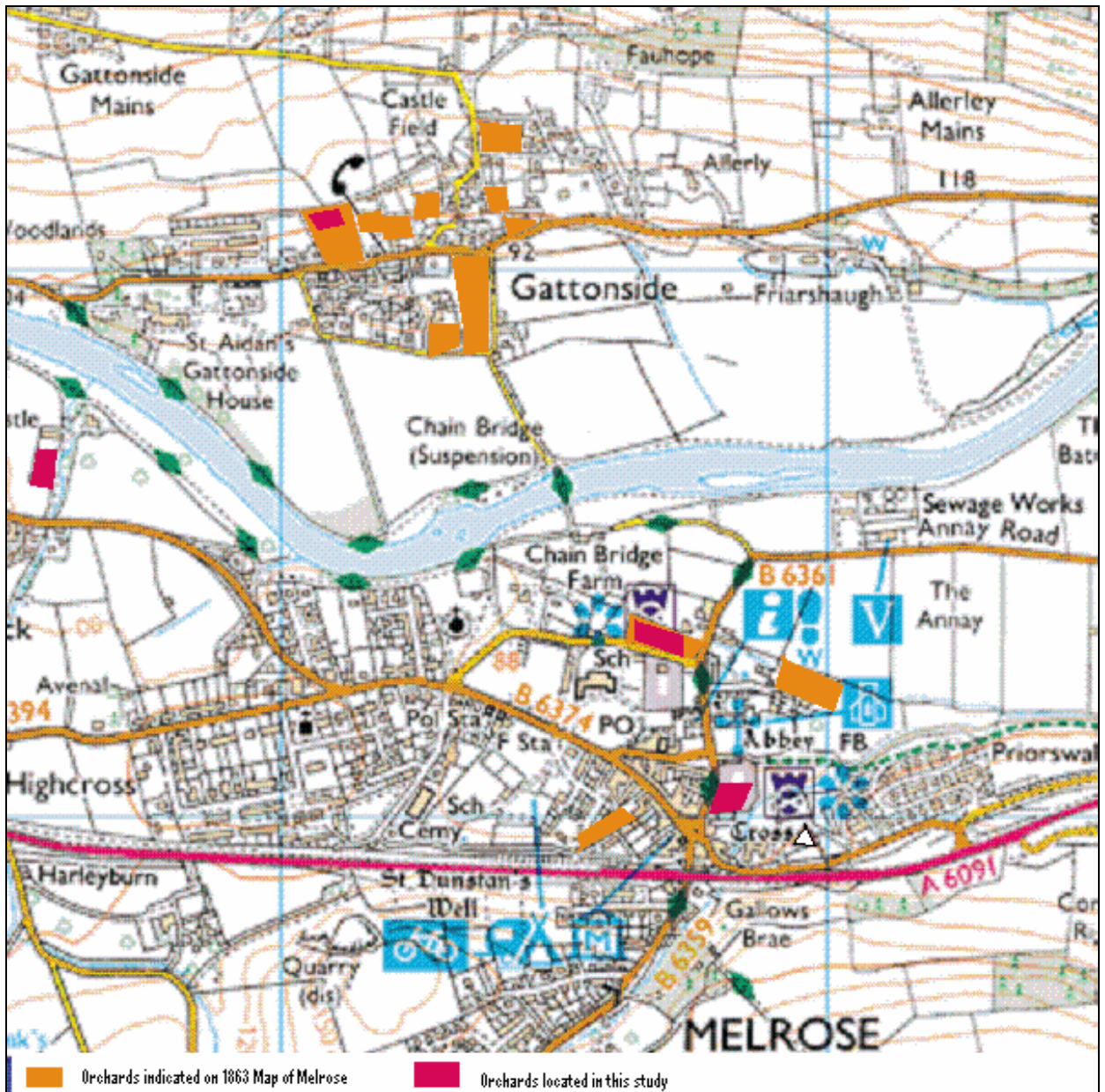


Plate 60 Map showing sites of old orchards & present day orchards in Melrose & Gattonside

7.1.6.1 Priorwood Garden, Melrose

Grid Reference: NT548342

Area of orchard: 4100m²

Approximate age of orchard: 150yrs ...

Number of fruit trees: 92

Species of fruit tree: Apple 75 Pear 12 Plum 1

Other: Greengages 2, Medlar 1, Black Mulberry 1

Age & Condition of Trees

Some apple & pear trees may go back to 1900 the rest were probably planted in the 1970s. The Damsons may go back to the 1940s-50s. All trees are in good condition

Management:

Trees are not sprayed and are pruned in winter & summer if needed. The large Bramley is not pruned but is fenced off in autumn because of falling fruit. Some deadwood goes to the side wall to break down. The garden must be kept tidy for the public. The grass is mowed fortnightly.

The Orchard is part of Priorwood House Garden which managed by the national Trust. It is open to the public and is an important visitor attraction in Melrose. Apart from the Medlars, which are left, the fruit is harvested and sold to the public. There are plans to produce preserves for sale in the Priorwood shop and sell named varieties to chefs.

History

The gardens are situated in what was ground once belonging to Melrose Abbey. It is possible that the area may have been originally planted with fruit trees by the Cistercian monks in the 12th century, although it is likely that nearby Gattonside with south facing slopes was the main site for original orchards. Priorwood House, now a Youth Hostel, was built in 1850 and the current orchard site was a kitchen garden with vegetables and fruit trees.



Plate 61 Sites of Priorwood House and harmony House orchards



Plate 62 Priorwood House Orchard looking towards Melrose Abbey



Plate 63 Old Pear tree in Priorwood Orchard



Plate 64 Typical Apple tree in Priorwood Orchard

7.1.6.2 Harmony House, Melrose

Grid Reference: NT547342

Area of orchard: 5000m²

Age of orchard if known: 200 years

Number of fruit trees: 10

Species of fruit tree: Apple 8 Pear 0 Plum 0

Other: Damson 2

Age and Condition of Trees

Some apple trees may go back to 1900s the rest were probably planted more recently. All trees are in good condition and are rich in lichens. Several have holes or cavities.

Management

Trees are not sprayed & are pruned in winter & in summer if needed. Some deadwood goes to the side wall to break down. Some fruit is harvested and sold to the public at the Priorwood shop but there is not always time to gather all the fruit. The grass is mowed fortnightly. A local beekeeper has 2 hives in the orchard in early summer.

Historic Use of Orchard:

This was the field orchard belonging to Harmony House, which was built in 1807. The site may also have some connection with the 12th century Abbey.



Plate 65 Sites of Harmony House and Priorwood House Orchards in Melrose



Plate 66 Apple tree in Harmony House orchard



Plate 67 Harmony House Orchard

7.1.6.3 The Orchard, Gattonside, Melrose

Grid Reference: NT541 351

Area of orchard: 2000m²

Age of orchard: 150+ years

Number of fruit trees: 17

Species of fruit tree: Apple 9 Pear 2 Plum 6

Age and Condition of Trees

There is one very old pear tree in this orchard which is thought by the owner to be 150 years old. The variety is not known. It is possibly a remnant of the orchard shown on 1860 map, which shows extensive orchards round Gattonside. A young pear grafted from this tree by "Beechgrove Gardens". A neighbouring property has single old pear of similar age. The rest are a mix of old and new trees and varieties include, Chivers Delight, James Grieve, Worcester, Laxtons Fortune, Greensleeves, Sunset, Bramley, Ashmead's Kernel and Lord Lambourne. The garden is very well maintained with a mix of lawns and flower beds.

Management

The family here are keen gardeners and prune & fertilize the trees regularly. Trees are also sprayed for pests if required. The fruit is collected & used by the family & surplus is given to friends & neighbours. The grass is mowed and kept very neat & tidy & the area round base of tree is kept free from grass & weeds.

Historic use of orchard:

Present owners have been at this house since 1985. The house dates from around 1970 & was built in what was previously an orchard which is clearly shown on the 1860 map of Gattonside and Melrose.



Plate 68 The orchard, Gattonside



Plate 70 Old Pear Tree, The Orchard, Gattonside



Plate 69 The Orchard, Gattonside looking towards Melrose



Plate 71 Apple Tree, The Orchard, Gattonside

7.1.6.4 St Helen's Orchard, Melrose

Grid Reference: NT535346...

Area of orchard: 2200m²

Approximate age of orchard: 90-140 years

Number of fruit trees: 15 (few remain in neighbouring plot)

Species of fruit tree: Apple 12 Pear 3 Plum 0

Age and Condition of Trees

Apart from 1 sapling, most apple & pear trees look old and are rich in lichens and moss. They are in an overgrown condition with the whole orchard having an air of neglect. The owner thinks some may be 90+ years old (counted rings).

Management

The orchard is not currently actively managed. The old trees have been felled as necessary. However, although the orchard has not been actively managed the adjoining field has been grazed and wool on the fence suggests that sheep may have had access in the recent past. Along with Nettles, Wild Raspberry, Thistles, Willowherb and Dockens, there is a good variety of herbaceous species including Wood Geranium, Pink Campion, Herb Robert, Hedge Woundwort, Mouse-ear Chickweed and Meadowsweet. Yorkshire fog is the most common grass species. The other half of the orchard belongs to the Coach House which has a few old trees in mown grass. St Helen's Well is indicated on 1862 Map and is the name of the adjoining large house. Owner reports profusion of Leopard's Bane in the Coach House walled garden. Some fruit is collected by the owner but most is left. Apples are good but pears are very hard but suitable for poaching.

Historic use of orchard

The orchard was originally part of the policies of St Helens House & belonged to the owner's grandparents who were retired farmers & actively managed the orchard. Some fields were sold off and the Waverly Castle Hotel was built. Glasshouses were present in 1930's and the remains were found of what may have been a pineapple house. The orchard appears as a field on the 1863 map, so it can be concluded that it is younger than 140 years old.



Plate 72 Site of St Helens Orchard



Plate 73 Typical Apple tree in St Helens Orchard



Plate 74 View of St Helens Orchard from the south

7.1.7 SELKIRK AREA

7.1.7.1 Philiphaugh Walled Garden, Selkirk

Grid Reference: NT442 277

Area of orchard: 10,000 m²

Approximate age of orchard if known: 140 years

Approximate number of fruit trees: 270 -280 (50-60 old trees 220 new apples)

Species of fruit tree: Apple 280 Pear 2-3 Plum 2-3

Other: Quince & figs & grapes under glass

Age and Condition of Trees

There are many older trees, some free standing & some against the walls, which are thought to be at least 100 years old. Most old trees are in good condition & have been actively managed although a few have holes or cavities. Newer trees were planted by Peelwalls/Eden Brands in 2006. Varieties include Cox's Orange Pippin, Fiesta, Discovery & Laxton's Superb. These are very well established.

Management

Trees are pruned in Nov-Dec and in spring for shape. Deadwood is removed. Spraying has not proved necessary. Where necessary, old trees will be replaced by the same variety if this is known. Grassed areas are cut by estate staff. The fruit is currently used for cider making under a contractual arrangement between the estate and Peelwalls.

Historic use of Orchard

This walled garden, thought to be one of the largest in Scotland, was used to provide fruit for the Philiphaugh Estate along with vegetables and flowers. The walls round the garden are double with chimneys at regular intervals which were used to warm the walls to bring on fruit & also to smoke meat & fish. There is also a derelict plum orchard on the estate behind walled garden.



Plate 75 Site of Philiphaugh walled garden / orchard



Plate 77 Old apple tree in Philiphaugh walled garden



Plate 76 2 Philiphaugh walled garden orchard with new trees in the foreground



Plate 78 Old and new trees, Philiphaugh walled garden

7.1.7.2 Philiphaugh Battlefield Orchard, Selkirk

Grid Reference: NT457825

Area of orchard: 5000m²

Age of orchard if known: 100+ years

Approximate number of fruit trees:38

Species of fruit tree: Apple 38 Pear 0 Plum 0

Age and Condition of Trees

The trees here are various ages with some thought to be 100 years old. The trees are in reasonable condition although have been neglected for a few years. The area is prone to flooding and was inundated 4 years ago. The back wall collapsed and stones are scattered around the site.

Management

The orchard belongs to Philiphaugh Estate & is under contract with Peelwalls/ Eden Brands to be use for cider making. They collect fruit and look after trees. There is a list of varieties planted in the orchard and Peelwalls wish to replant where required with Scottish varieties e.g. White Melrose for local interest. Trees have been neglected in the recent past but will be pruned by Peelwalls & brought back into good productive condition. The undergrowth is currently overgrown with Nettles, Dockens, Thistles and Ragwort. Paths have been strimmed for access. Peelwalls plan to fence off the orchard in order to rabbit proof the area. Trees will be caged and sheep will be allowed to graze the field. There is no need to spray trees but weeds may be sprayed off and re-sown if necessary.

Historic use of Orchard

The site has probably been an orchard for the last 100 years & was reportedly used by the estate. The Battle of Philiphaugh was fought near this site on September 13, 1645 when the Marquess of Montrose was destroyed by the Covenanter army of Sir David Leslie.



Plate 79 Philiphaugh battlefield Orchard



Plate 80 Old apple tree in Philiphaugh Battlefield site



Plate 81 Philiphaugh Battlefield Orchard

7.1.8 PEEBLES AREA

7.1.8.1 Traquair House, Peebles

Grid Reference NT 330 353

Area of orchard: Walled Garden 0.4Ha / Small Orchard 0.04Ha

Age of orchard if known: 100+ years

Approximate number of fruit trees: 54 (26 freestanding+ 17 wall trained)/ 11small orchard

Species of fruit tree: Apple 24 / 13 Pear 4 / 0 Plum 2 / 1

Approximate Age and Condition of Trees

The walled garden is mainly grass & with free standing and wall trained trees which are a mix of old & new. The owner thinks some may be as old as 100years with replanting having been done as needed over the years. Many trees do not have any fruit. The small orchard has 4 old apple trees and 6 recently planted ones as well as an old plum. The old trees are in poor condition mainly due to goats (now kept out) which have stripped the bark. A few have hollows.

Management

Trees are now pruned regularly (not so in the past). There have been a few losses from storm damage & livestock. Cold winters may also be a problem. Deadwood is removed in order to keep tidy. Trees are not sprayed. A very small proportion of the fruit is used. The local community are invited to pick fruit but much is not used. Traquair House is open to the public in the summer & the small orchard particularly has an ornamental purpose. The walled Garden is mowed and the Small Orchard is strimmed. Ornamental peacocks forage in the Walled Garden. The owner reports playing in the trees as a child.

Native herbaceous species noted in the uncut areas of grass noted were Ladies Mantle, Creeping Buttercup, Crosswort, Wood Dock, Meadowsweet & Cow Parsley. The old trees are very lichen rich (See Plates below).

Historic use of the Orchard

Fruit & vegetables from the walled garden were used in the great house & the small orchard was probably ornamental.



Plate 82 Orchard sites, Traquair House



Plate 84 Lichens on old apple tree in the Traquair small orchard



Plate 83 View of Small Orchard at Traquair House, Peebles



Plate 85 Typical old apple in the Traquair Small Orchard



Plate 86 View of the Traquair House walled garden



Plate 87 Typical freestanding apple tree in the Traquair House walled garden

7.1.8.2 Winkston, Peebles

Grid Reference: NT244430

Area of orchard: 100m²

Age of orchard: 100-300 years The orchard site could be 300 years old if associated with the Bastle House which was built ca 1545 and now forms part of the farm buildings and the SE boundary of the orchard (See Plates)

Approximate number of fruit trees: 6

Species of fruit tree: Apple 0 Pear 0 Plum 0

Other: 3 Damsons 3 Cherry Plums (*Prunus cerasifera*)

Approximate age and Condition of Trees

All trees are old but in relatively good condition. The Damsons are large and appear to be very old with drooping branches (See pictures below). Stumps reveal that they were planted in two rows of three. Some have hollows.

Management

A little pruning and removal of dead wood has been carried out. Owners are anxious not to damage the trees. They are not sprayed. The adjacent area is mowed. The undergrowth is not dense due to deep shade under the trees. There are some Nettles, Thistles, Cocksfoot and Elder seedlings. The area has been grazed by sheep in the past. The trees are very productive and are striking in blossom time so are valued as ornamental plants as well as for their fruit. All the fruit is used to make jam, jelly, cherry brandy and pies which are used for the Bed and Breakfast business associated with the farm. Windfall fruit is eaten by birds/insects

Historic use of orchard if known:

The Orchard is now part of the farmhouse garden/drying green and has been larger in the recent past. Three large Damson stumps are clearly visible and the trees have been planted in two parallel lines. There is also an old hen-house indicating that a number of poultry have been reared in the orchard. A 16th Century Bastle or fortified farmhouse, which has now been incorporated into the farm steading, forms the eastern boundary of the garden and it is possible that the orchard has its origins in this period.



Plate 88 Orchard Site at Winkston Farm, Peebles



Plate 90 View of the Damson trees from the garden



Plate 89 Bastle House and old henhouse at SE boundary of the garden



Plate 91 Typical old Damson tree at Winkston

7.1.9 ST BOSWELLS AREA

7.1.9.1 Narrowgate, St Boswells

Grid Reference if known: NT595312

Area of orchard: 1000m²

Age of orchard: 100+ years

Approximate number of fruit trees: 18...

Species of fruit tree: Apple 10 Pear 3 Plum 3

Other: Greengage & quince

Age and Condition of Trees

This orchard has trees of various ages which have been planted over the last 40 years in a south sloping garden. All are named varieties and there are no duplicates e.g. White Melrose, James Grieve, Pink Fir Apple, Egremont Russet and Ashmead's Kernel. They have been well maintained in the past. Although the garden is currently overgrown the fruit trees are in relatively good condition and quite productive. The relatively new owners are keen to preserve the orchard.

Management

The orchard is currently contracted to Peelwalls/ Eden Brands Cider Company who hope to make the orchard more productive by careful pruning and management. They are using the fruit to make cider and may use other fruit in the future for wine or juice. Although the trees have been neglected recently, they are pruned appropriately by Peelwalls. Trees are generally not sprayed unless absolutely necessary. Peelwalls intend to re-sow with lawn type grass mix. Some areas will be planted with vegetables by the owners.

Historic Use of Orchard

This orchard has been planted in the kitchen garden of the large private house.

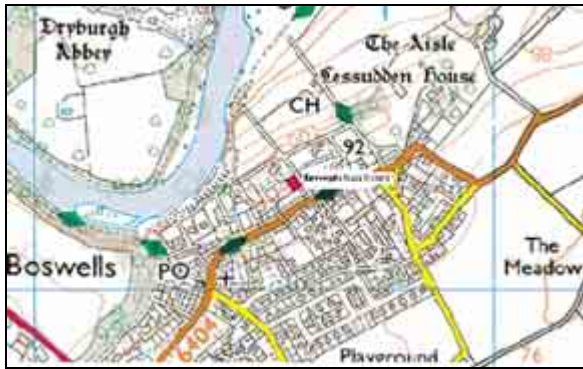


Plate 92 Location of Narrowgate House Orchard



Plate 93 Typical named apple tree (Ashmead's Kernel) in Narrowgate House Garden



Plate 94 View of Narrowgate House orchard

7.1.9.2 Tweed Horizons, St Boswells

Grid Reference: NT587318

Area of orchard: 3000m²

Age of orchard if known: 50 +years

Approximate number of fruit trees: 32

Species of fruit tree: Apple 22 Pear 4 Plum 6

Other: 3 Walnut & 1 Hazel

Approximate Age and Condition of Trees

The trees are a mix of about 12 - 50 years old. They are in good condition & have been well maintained in the past.

Current Management

Tweed Horizons belongs to Scottish Borders Enterprise. The orchard is currently managed by the Borders College for educational purposes. Trees are pruned once a year although this sometimes does not happen. There is a mowed path under the trees and the rest is a little overgrown. There is a good variety of herbaceous plants & the trees have a rich lichen flora. The fruit is randomly used and distributed.

Historic use of orchard if known:

The trees were planted to supply fruit to the seminary which was at Tweed Horizons. It has been used by successive tenants e.g. Outward Bound School, Organic Market Garden, education and as a therapeutic space for a mental health charity.



Plate 95 Orchard site at Tweed Horizons, St Boswells



Plate 96 Typical apple tree at Tweed Horizons



Plate 97 Orchard at Tweed Horizons, St Boswells

7.2 SUMMARY OF ORCHARD DATA

Name	Status	Area m2	Age Orchard Yrs	Age Trees Yrs	No.Trees	Apples	Pears	Plums	Other
Antons Hill, Leitholm, Berwickshire	Walled gdn with wall trained & freestanding trees. Mix old & new. Comprehensive collection of named varieties. V good condition.	7500	150	2-100	200	150	20	20	0
Orchard House, Cockburnspath, Berwickshire	possible site of old commercial orchard. Only one or two old trees & some new. Other houses in same plot have no trees.	200	100	5-100	7	5	1	1	0
Sunnyside, Duns, Berwickshire	Small garden orchard with mowed grass. Good condition	100	100	50 - 100	11	9	0	1	1
Cumledge House, Duns, Berwickshire	Small orchard in poor condition & walled garden with trees in good condition.	100 /200	170	40+	27	17	2	4	0
Tweed Villa, Coldstream	Remains of old orchard. Good historical evidence links site with C12th Coldstream Priory. Also clear on 1830 Map. Most trees in good condition.	5000	800	100	12	6	1	2	3

Name	Status	m2	Age Orchard Yrs	Age Trees Yrs	No.Trees	Apples	Pears	Plums	Other
Bank House, Coldstream	Free standing & wall trained trees on site of old fruit garden on 1830 map. Well maintained mix of old & new trees	2000	170	10 - 100	26	17	3	6	0
Orchard Cottage, Coldstream	House built on likely site of fruit garden. Mix of old & newer trees.Well maintained.	2000	170	50-100	21	14	2	3	0
Heatherslaw Mill, Cornhill	Remains of old commercial orchard & market garden. Overgrown but productive	6000	100	25 -80	50	40	4	1	0
Minto Glen, Hawick	House in old walled garden. Old trees in good condition.Plan to plant more fruit trees.	8000	100	100	50	46	4	0	0
Elm Bank, Denholm, Hawick	Garden associated with old church glebe lands. Overgrown but productive.	1500	100+	6-100	15	9	0	1	5
Grove House, Denholm, Hawick	On site of old damson orchard. Few trees left.	200	100	100	6	4	1	1	0

Name	Status	Area m2	Age Orchard Yrs	Age Trees Yrs	No.Trees	Apples	Pears	Plums	Other
Mary Queen of Scots House, Jedburgh	A few remaining trees around the house. Council maintained garden.	5000	140-450yrs	10-100	19		17		1
Dillichip House, The Friars, Jedburgh	Old trees once part of larger orchard garden. Some trees very old.	1200	300+	100+	9	4	2	2	0
Floors Castle Gardens, Kelso	Small orchard (within large walled garden) of modern named varieties& many old wall trained trees with old Scots varieties in ornamental parterre	200/500 0	40	40-100+	75+	72	3	3	0
The Manse, Kelso	Remains of orchard shown on 1860 map. Site historically associated with Kelso Abbey.Old trees in good condition	100	140	100	7	7	0	0	0
The Orchard, Kelso	House built in orchard belonging to neighbouring big house. Several old trees in good condition	800	140	50-100	11	4	1	4	1

Name	Status	Area m2	Age Orchard Yrs	Age Trees Yrs	No.Trees	Apples	Pears	Plums	Other
Brig House, Kelso	1930's house on site of former orchard (same as The Orchard). Many old trees in good condition	5000	140	50-100	13	10	0	2	1
Priorwood Garden, Melrose	Part of Priorwood Garden. Very well maintained & open to public. Many old trees	4100	150	50-100	92	75	12	1	4
Harmony House Orchard, Melrose	Large apple orchard belonging to Harmony Hse managed with Priorwood	5000	150	50-100	10	8	0	0	2
The Orchard, Gattonside	House built on old south facing Gattonside orchard. Old & newer trees in very well maintained garden. Good condition	2000	150+	50-150	17	9	2	6	0
St Helens Orchard, Melrose	Remains of orchard belonging to St Helens House. Very overgrown but good wildlife potential.	2200	90+	90	15	12	3	0	0
Philiphough Orchard, Selkirk	Managed by Peelwalls/Eden Brands. Mix of old wall & free standing trees & new	10000	100+	100	280	280	3	3	0

Name	Status	Area m2	Age Orchard Yrs	Age Trees Yrs	No.Trees	Apples	Pears	Plums	Damsons /Other
Philiphaugh Battlefield Orchard, Selkirk	Managed by Peelwalls ltd. Free standing trees & new trees due to be planted. Mixed condition	5000	100	100	38	38	0	0	0
Traquair House Walled Garden, Peebles	Small orchard / walled garden maintained by owners in good condition. Mix of free standing & wall trained trees. Some v old. Small orchard damaged by goats.	4000/400	100+	10-100	54	37	4	3	0
Winkston Orchard, Peebles	Old damson orchard belonging to farmhouse. May have been fruit garden attached to traditional 16C Border Bastle house which still remains	100	100-450	40-50	6	0	0	0	6
Narrowgate House, St Boswells	Walled garden attached to large house. New owners. Many named varieties. Good condition but a bit overgrown.	1000	100	40	18	10	3	3	0
Tweed Horizons	Mix of old & new trees in good condition. Includes nut trees soft fruit & Veg.	3000	?	10-100	32	22	4	3	0

