

Orchard Learning Programme 2019

9-month course tuned to the growing year

March - November, the first Saturday of each month, 2-5pm

Course fee £125, plus HOCO membership, £25/£20

- Know your trees – characteristics, history, ‘internal condition’
- Pests, diseases, disorders, nutrition
- Pruning all year round – why, how, and when
- Resilience in the face of climate change & weather challenges
- Good harvests – storage, preservation, health benefits

Get Growing Fruit Trees - an introduction

Sundays: 3 March, 5 May, 7 July, 8 September, 2-4.30pm

Course fee £60 (HOCO members), £75 (non-members)

- March - Know your trees, their care needs, site, and soil
- May - Pests, diseases, disorders
- July - Pruning – why and how
- September - Harvest, storage & preservation

Weekend and one-day courses – see website for details

Costs from £30 - £75

- **Pruning** – Dormant season
- **Pruning** – Growing season
- **Planning & growing fruit in small spaces**

Course tutor & programme developer

Shannon Smith has been an active member of HOCO for eleven years, and was the orchard co-ordinator from 2010-2018. She is a lifelong gardener, professional cook, researcher, and qualified community educator. Shannon brings all her skills, passion, and experience to courses that nurture knowledge, confidence, and pleasure in fruit growing.

Book early - the number of places on courses is limited

For more information please contact:

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Course details, dates, application links, available from November 2018, at:

www.community-orchard.org.uk

Orchard Learning Courses 2019

Do you love growing and eating apples, pears, and plums?

Are you:

- *Confused by Pruning?*
- *Puzzled by Pests?*
- *Planning to plant fruit trees?*

Learn by looking after real trees of different ages, varieties, and conditions

Hands-on and holistic approach to fruit growing



Courses hosted by **Horfield Organic Community Orchard** (HOCO). A community food project, set up on a north Bristol allotment in 1998. The orchard has more than 100 fruiting trees, including apples, pears, plums, nuts, vines, and soft fruit. HOCO aims to inspire more people to grow more fruit in gardens, allotments, and pockets of private and public land.

Practical and inspirational

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