

NORTHERN FRUIT GROUP
Application form for
INDIVIDUAL OR DUAL MEMBERSHIP

Title(s) & Name(s)

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Address:-

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Post Code:- Tel:-

Date:- Email:-

I would like to receive the newsletter via email.... YES / NO

Please indicate if you would like to contribute to the activities of the Northern Fruit Group by:

Providing items for the Newsletter YES / NO

Attending courses YES / NO

Helping at shows YES / NO

Joining working parties YES / NO

Please enclose cheque for £10 (individual) or £12 (two people at the same address) made out to "NORTHERN FRUIT GROUP" and send with the completed form to:

Mrs Sharan Packer, NFG Membership Secretary

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Email: membership@northernfruitgroup.com



INDIVIDUAL & DUAL MEMBERSHIP
INFORMATION LEAFLET

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

A copy of the newsletter (4 per yr) emailed or posted.

Informal advice on fruit growing.

Practical courses on pruning held at our demonstration/teaching gardens.

Grafting courses at indoor venues.

Helping with working parties at the demonstration gardens.

Free entry to shows in exchange for help on our stand.

Application form on back page.

Do you know of any old orchards or where any old varieties of apples or pears are growing?

IF SO PLEASE LET US KNOW

INTRODUCTION

The Northern Fruit Group (NFG) was formed in late 1995 and currently has more than 400 members (mainly in the North of England) who are interested in growing all types of fruit. Most of our members are amateurs but some are or have been professionally or commercially involved in fruit growing. These members provide a valuable source of help and advice to the NFG. Whether amateur or professional, members have a strong mutual interest in growing fruit and improving knowledge and associated practical skills.

OBJECTIVES.

To encourage and promote fruit growing in the North and disseminate information on suitable varieties and techniques.

To attend shows, exhibitions and meetings open to the public and put on educational displays.

To research old fruit varieties, record surviving traditional farm and village orchards and advise on conservation.

MEMBER BENEFITS

Members receive a quarterly Newsletter listing meetings, events and courses. Information from the literature on fruit growing is summarised in short articles. Reports from shows and events and short articles provided by members are also included.

In exchange for helping at the NFG stand members can gain free entry to shows such as the Harrogate Spring & Autumn Shows, Great Yorkshire Show, Leeds Flower Show, RHS Show Tatton Park.

Members have access to a training garden for fortnightly hands on training in continuing maintenance of fruit trees and bushes.

Workshops are available to members for practical training on pruning and grafting.

Members can purchase rootstocks for grafting and fruit trees at advantageous prices and exchanging of scion wood.

Possibility of exchanging scion wood for grafting and other fruit plants.

ACTIVITIES

Three indoor meetings per year with speakers are held (2 at the RHS Garden Harlow Carr, the other at a nearby venue).

There is at least one visit per year to a garden, orchard or commercial farm in the North.

A fruit show is held in conjunction with the RHS every September where members can show their fruit and learn about exhibiting and entering their fruit in other shows. There are novice classes for those new to showing.

Practical day-courses on pruning are held at sites in the North where we are developing demonstration and teaching gardens (the Walled Garden at Harewood House near Leeds, an allotment site at Huddersfield). We need new members to volunteer to help at these sites if we are to maintain them for teaching. Working parties are held approximately fortnightly on a weekday with dates notified in Newsletters.

The Group advises on the conservation of old orchards and trees, suitable varieties and training for community orchards and the planting of new heritage orchards. Some individual members volunteer practical help at gardens or orchards belonging to local authorities, the National Trust, community projects and historic houses.

In conjunction with the RHS, the NFG organises an Apple Event at Harlow Carr in October. There is an apple display, help desk and visitors can bring along their apples for identification. Some members also assist with Apple Days and other fruit related events in the region

MEMBERSHIP

Individual and Dual Membership is open to anyone over the age of 18 with an interest in growing fruit of any description on a small or large scale. If you would like to join please fill in the form overleaf and send it to the address indicated. There is also an Associate Membership category available for groups and societies with an interest in fruit growing, please see separate leaflet.