



## Organiclea's Waltham Forest Orchard Project!

*Gift a tree and help us plant over 200 fruit trees in the London Borough of Waltham Forest. You can adopt a tree at any point in 2011.*

Gift a tree as a birthday, Christmas, anniversary or special day present or donate a tree to mark a special occasion or as a memorial. £20 pays for the purchase and planting of one fruit tree at our Hawkwood community growing site in Chingford, London.

- A planting certificate will be provided for the recipient with information about Organiclea's orchard project and their unique role in helping to get it established.
- The recipient and the donor will be invited to a seasonal fruit celebration for seasons of the young tree's early years!
- You are always welcome to visit Organiclea's growing site throughout the year on our regular open days and see our orchard taking shape and growing!
- Throughout 2011 simple woodcarved labels will be attached to the trees to mark this gift.

The dedicated tree will be cared for by volunteers working with Organiclea Community Growers. The fruit from the orchard will be distributed through our locally-run vegetable and fruit box scheme and other local events which aim to encourage all to eat local fruit and vegetables in season. They will also be a valuable resource for community training courses that take place at our Hawkwood site.

We will happily help select the fruit tree for your gift, (its name and role at our growing site will appear on the certificate), or you can select from the list overleaf (mark 1-3 choice - we will let you know what is available).

- .... late season **apple** in a traditional orchard (115 trees to plant)
- .... heritage Hertfordshire **cherry** orchard tree (18 trees)
- .... **Asian pear** (aka Nashi) growing around the vegetable field (13)
- .... **culinary apple** varieties in espalier form around entrance field (20)
- .... **medlar** fruit trees designed into the traditional orchard (6)
- .... local varieties of **pear** tree growing in a fruit cordon (20)
- .... all-sweet stone fruit: **greengage, peach and nectarine** - fan trained around the glasshouse (15)
- .... standing tall on a slope - **black mulberry** tree (7)
- .... and alongside the fruit some nuts: **hazelnut** trees (20)

By helping to establish this orchard at Organiclea's growing site you will be:

- Ensuring access to local seasonal fruit now and for future generations.
- Building local distinctiveness. For example over the last few decades orchards have disappeared from the UK in the wake of imported fruit, fruit that is often tasteless and stored for months in energy intensive chillers losing its main nutritional value. The UK is only 16% self sufficient in locally harvested fruit varieties.
- Planting an excellent site of biodiversity - good for the bees, people and the planet!
- Establishing a tasty local orchard raising regional varieties of fruit.
- Supporting Organiclea's growing efforts in Northeast London to make more healthy and sustainably produced food available to more local people.
- Helping reduce this area's carbon footprint by creating greater opportunities for people to access locally sourced food.
- Supporting the development of Organiclea's community market garden - which we hope will bring a more fruitful future for all.

For donation, information or advice about this scheme contact Organiclea's growing site at Hawkwood on 020 8524 4994, email [plants@organiclea.org.uk](mailto:plants@organiclea.org.uk) or see [www.organiclea.org.uk](http://www.organiclea.org.uk)

