

Tree Warden Role Description

Orchard Keeper

What is involved?

Community orchards across the city require committed management to ensure their vitality. They vary in size with some having just five trees and others having twenty five or more. They also vary in age with some newly planted and some considerably older. All are accessible to the public so Orchard Keepers will need to have a friendly manner and be ready to explain why their work is necessary. Once familiar with their orchard keepers will be trusted to carry out the right management actions across the seasons. The work is mainly practical and should be easily fitted in with other commitments. It is suitable for volunteers either working on their own or with a friend or relative, although other volunteers should be able to assist with big jobs like harvesting.

What's in it for you?

- The opportunity to learn new fruit tree-care skills (no previous tree-care experience is necessary).
- The opportunity to improve your knowledge of fruit identification and of nature as a whole.
- Becoming part of a friendly, dedicated and passionate team.
- Meeting others with similar interests.
- Improving safe-working knowledge and skills.
- An addition to your CV, especially if looking for new career openings.

Things that Orchard Keepers do:

- Carrying out a wide range of practical fruit tree-care skills e.g. watering, weeding, pruning and grafting.
- Harvesting the fruit.
- Answering questions from passers-by (it's O.K. to answer with "I don't know.")
- Reporting incidents or concerns about the orchard.

This role is voluntary and does not create a legally binding arrangement or employment contract.