# Westmorland and Furness Council’s Coronation Community Orchard Fund Expression of Interest

Thank you for your interest in the Coronation Community Orchard Fund to mark the coronation of his Majesty King Charles III. This form is the first step for communities to express their interest in accessing funding for the development of community orchards. Please fill out the details below as completely and accurately as possible to ensure your community's needs are well understood.

Westmorland and Furness Council will contact successful groups within 2 weeks of the deadline, 8 January 2024, inviting you to complete a full application for the Coronation Community Orchard Fund.

## 1. Contact Information

Full Name:

Position/Title:

Organisation/Community Group:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

## 2. Project Information (Pass/Fail questions)

Location of proposed orchard, (this must be in Westmorland and Furness):

Will the orchard be accessible for community usage? Y/N

Are you the legal owner or do you have written permission from the owner to plant trees on the land identified in this form? Y/N

## 3. Orchard Details (Pass/Fail questions)

Types of Trees (must be fruit or nut):

Number of Trees to be planted (must be a minimum of 5 trees):

Estimated cost of the orchard (only capital costs directly relating to ground preparation, tree cost and related planting costs and protection are eligible under this scheme. Only applications up to £15,000 will be accepted. Further information on approximate costs can be found in the following documentation: [LATF\_Grant\_Manual\_Round\_4\_v1.0\_-\_Copy.pdf (publishing.service.gov.uk)](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1166688/LATF_Grant_Manual_Round_4_v1.0_-_Copy.pdf) [EWCO\_Grant\_Manual\_-\_Appendix\_1\_-\_Standard\_cost\_items\_v3.4\_issued\_01.11.2023.pdf (publishing.service.gov.uk)](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/653fcb986de3b90012a7a63d/EWCO_Grant_Manual_-_Appendix_1_-_Standard_cost_items_v3.4_issued_01.11.2023.pdf)

Proposed Timeline for Planting (must be within the tree-planting season, November to March 2023/24 or 2024/25):

Trees sourced via the funding must be purchased from reputable nurseries. Nurseries certified under the Plant Healthy Certification Scheme (PHCS) or have passed a Ready to Plant assessment are required to follow strict biosecurity protocols to ensure that their trees are free of pests and diseases [Biosecure Procurement Requirement Pilot for plants and trees - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk).](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/biosecure-procurement-requirement-pilot-for-plants-and-trees)

## 4. Objectives and Outcomes (weighting = 50%)

Please outline the primary objectives of your community orchard and the expected benefits for the community:

## 5. Sustainability and Future Plans (weighting = 50%)

Explain how you will ensure the sustainability of the orchard:

Do you have the resources to maintain the orchard for a minimum of 5 years, (the maintenance of the orchard must be provided by your group for a minimum of 5 years. The cost for maintenance is outside the scope of the funding and should not be included within your costings)? Y/N

## 6. Additional Information

Are you in receipt of/or applied for other tree planting schemes on the proposed site within the 2023/24 or 2024/25 planting seasons (if yes, please details):

Please attach any additional documentation that supports your expression of interest (eg letter of support and landowner permission, map of proposed site, photograph of the area, etc).

By submitting this Expression of Interest form, you confirm the information provided is accurate to the best of your knowledge and that you have the authority to submit on behalf of the organisation/community group.

Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please return this completed form to futuretrees@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk by 12pm 8 January 2024.