

Orchard Skills Training

What's attacking your Orchard? Pests, Diseases & Disorders of Fruit Trees

When?	10am – 4pm, Thursday 22 nd June
Where?	Giraffe Ltd., Walled Garden, Upper Springlands Centre, Isla Road, Perth PH2 7HQ
What?	<p>Fruit trees are prey to any number of problems – from human to microbial – at all stages of their annual cycle. Some, such as the effects of weather, are unavoidable, but in this workshop you will learn how to minimise the likelihood of damage and disease by managing the orchard for optimum health. The roles of physical, biological and chemical control of the most troublesome pests and diseases will be discussed and participants are invited to bring bagged samples of anything currently a problem in their fruit trees.</p> <p>Both morning and afternoon sessions will incorporate hands-on observation and investigation, and there will be a course handbook for reminders!</p>
Who?	This training course is aimed at anyone who is interested in learning how to identify and prevent diseases of fruit trees, including keepers of orchards large and small.
Age?	16+
Experience?	No previous experience is necessary.
Booking?	Booking is essential as places are limited. Please contact Lindsey Gibb; tel: 01738 477086, email: lindsey.gibb@pkht.org.uk .
Equipment?	<p>Please wear practical clothes and shoes. We will be outside for some of the day, so please dress appropriately, and bring additional items in case of a change in the weather.</p> <p>Please dress according to the weather: sunhat, sunglasses and sun cream if it's nice, or warm jumpers and waterproofs if it's not!</p> <p>As this is a training session, you may want to take notes, so bring a notebook and pen. A hand lens may be useful if you have one.</p>
Food?	Please bring a packed lunch, a drink, and a flask if you like. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits provided.
Facilities?	Toilets are available in the Upper Springlands Centre, a few minutes from the orchard.
Directions?	By car from Perth, follow the A93 north. Upper Springlands is on the left hand side just before Quarrymill Woodland Park. We suggest you park at Quarrymill and cross the road, as parking in Upper Springlands is limited. Follow the building to its southerly end, where you will see the walled garden.

By bus, from Perth. Stagecoach bus number 58 leaves Perth Bus Station at 9.10am and will arrive at Upper Springlands in around 7 minutes.

Walk or cycle from Perth. Upper Springlands is about a mile from Perth city centre, about a 10 minute cycle ride.