

Traditional Orchard Kirklington Road LGS 3

A source is Natural England Open Data Geoportal which identifies the Kirklington Road existing Orchard as a Traditional Orchard HAP ie a Habitat Action Priority under the UK Biodiversity Action Plan.

There must be some debate as to whether the Kirklington Road Orchard qualifies as a full blown Traditional Orchard. However see the definition below for marginal Traditional Orchards which along with the Natural England definitive map justifies us using it in the evidence base..

Traditional orchard definition

Traditional Orchards are defined, for priority habitat purposes, as groups of fruit and nut trees planted on vigorous rootstocks at low densities in permanent grassland; and managed in a low intensity way. Cobnut plats are also included.

The minimum size of a Traditional Orchard is defined as five trees with crown edges less than 20m apart. However the potential biological and genetic interest of sites with fewer trees, such as relict orchards and individual trees within gardens, is noted. Where appropriate these should be considered as potential restoration sites. It is recognised that other sites which fall outside the definition, such as organic bush orchards and fruit collections in walled gardens may also have biodiversity value, as well as historic, cultural and genetic importance.

Condition category definitions

[Click here](#) to find out what the category definitions mean, and how to upgrade your orchard.

Marginal site categories

Relict:

A site with less than five trees, or more than 20m between the crown edges. These are normally left over from a larger orchard and may even be a single (old) tree. Rarely these may be younger trees that have been included for a particular reason of interest. Biodiversity interest of relict sites is high as a point of biota colonisation.

Long abandoned:

A site that is or probably was an orchard but has become so overgrown that any fruit trees are outnumbered by non fruit plants. This is mostly secondary woodland.

The screenshot displays the Natural England Open Data Geoportal interface for the 'Traditional Orchards HAP (England)' dataset. The sidebar on the left contains the following information:

- Records:** 36,402
- Authority:** Authoritative
- Publication:** Natural England Open Data Publication, Defra group ArcGIS Online organisation
- Summary:** This is a spatial dataset that describes the geographic extent and location of the UK Biodiversity Action Plan traditional orchard priority habitat in England.
- Actions:** View Full Details, Download
- Details:** Dataset Feature Layer, 6 September 2024 Info Updated, 6 September 2024 Data Updated
- Footer:** I want to use this

The main map area shows a geographic view of the region, with a search bar at the top right and navigation controls on the right side. The map displays various roads and green spaces, with a specific area highlighted in blue. The bottom of the interface features a navigation bar with the text 'Esri UK, Esri, HERE, Garmin, INCREMENT P, USGS, METI/NASA' and 'Powered by Esri'.