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Name of organisation	Summary	Number of trees (Total)
Herefordshire Orchard Topic Group (Herefordshire)	Herefordshire's Year in the Orchard HYO) The planting of locally characteristic apple varieties in communities across Herefordshire will form part of the celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the publication of the first UK Pomona (Book of Apples) Pomona Herefordiensis by Thomas Andrew Knight. Managed by the Orchard Topic Group, supported by Herefordshire Council, 200 apple trees will be made available to communities,	210
Northfield Ecocentre (Northfield, Birmingham)	Plant community orchards and nut groves throughout the Northfield constituency to help develop more sustainable urban communities, and replenish the tree stock of the local area. The Ecocentre will work with the local 'Friends of' groups for each park, park managers and other community based land owners to ensure a high level of community involvement both in the planting and the long-term management of the trees.	1400
Ideal for All (Smethwick West Midlands)	Leading disability organisation for community agriculture in Sandwell. Site is based close to "Spaghetti Junction". This is part of a wider regeneration project of this area. They have consulted with local residents, schools and Councillors and have strong support for the proposals. Will recruit volunteers for the planting days.	1060
Lancashire Wildlife Trust (Preston, Lancashire)	To plant 2012 local varieties of native trees including fruit and nut species in celebration of the Preston's Green Guild 2012. The community will be involved in the planning and planting of the trees and be trained to look after their trees in the future. Through the use of local heritage fruit, nuts and native trees the project aims to improve people's awareness of the use of local tree species and engage communities in local sites.	2012
Pit Stop 2000 Limited (Elland, West Yorkshire)	Growing fruit trees from saplings at the 4 Pit stop sites and then planting them in various communities across Calderdale. Pit Stop is a youth based community project who promote fun and alternative learning for young people from 7 - 25 years. The project will involve young people in the running of the nursery sites and tending the saplings in the first couple of years and then helping to find sites in their own communities.. They can be involved in the maintenance of the trees over the future years.	1000
Bee Guardian Foundation (Gloucester)	BGF has a longer term project in the city called Trees for Bees that is specifically aimed at providing Gloucester's community with the knowledge, desire and skills to increase bee forage resources in the form of flowering trees around the city. BGF's Trees For Bees project will work in partnership with Gloucester City Tree Wardens, Gloucester City Council and local community groups. These groups will take part in planting flowering trees around the City. Educational interpretation boards will also be set up in areas. At least 500 local people, school children and volunteers will take part, but through the outreach work of BGF they expect to engage with at least 5000 people. This will support their successful Lottery bid to make Gloucester the World's first Bee Guardian City.	1680

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<p>London Wildlife Trust- wild London Initiative</p>	<p>Support nine community groups interested in tree planting projects as part of London Wildlife Trust's Wild London Inclusive London (WLIL) project. Support for the wider WLIL project was demonstrated through two pieces of research - Going Local: new audiences and access to nature and green spaces in London (April 2008) and Access to nature and green space deficiency around the East and West Reservoirs, Hackney (April 2008). The volunteer groups will plant the trees guided by the project assisted by Community Champions. On average twenty people will take part from each group - there are expected to be ten planting days.</p>	<p>1070</p>
<p>Boston Woods Trust (Boston, Lincolnshire)</p>	<p>Site adjacent to a suburb of Boston and will comprise a small shelter-belt wood with wood pasture beyond. They already have some 400 subscribing supporters with approx 70 volunteers actively involved with planting. The original piece of woodland and country park as around 30,000 visits per year and this new extension is up to the edge of the suburban housing stock. A recent petition held attracted 1500 signatures in two weeks. Plans have been discussed the with all the near neighbours who are enthusiastic over the proposals</p>	<p>693</p>
<p>Creative Support (Stoke on Trent)</p>	<p>Leonora Street is a mental health nursing home with 16 residents. It has a large garden, which is currently quite bare. They would like to create a line of trees along the boundary where the garden meets an adjacent graveyard. This would provide shade and make the garden much more attractive. The residents at the project currently pickle onions and sell them to members of the local community, if they have fruit trees then they can produce other things such as jams and chutneys to sell to members of the local community.</p> <p>Family members of service users have also expressed an interest in improving the garden area, to enable their loved one to gain more enjoyment from the outdoors. If successful with the grant then they would put signs along the path to ask if anyone would like to help out with the tree planting and when it would be, and this would hopefully create some community. They are going to work closely with Voluntary Action Stoke on Trent to identify members of the community who would be interested in volunteering with us to plant the trees.</p>	<p>33</p>

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Creative Support (Bedford)	<p>Kingsbrook Court is a supported living project, comprising individual self contained flats for people with mental health needs. It has a large garden, which is currently quite bare, and the building is unattractive. If there were some fruit and border trees it would provide shade and make the garden much more attractive. The links between being outdoors and gardening and good mental wellbeing are well documented, so a small orchard would really benefit the lives of residents, staff and visiting families. If the residents have fruit trees then they can produce things such as jams and chutneys to sell to members of the local community. Half of Kingsbrook Court is managed by another provider, Bedfordshire Pilgrims Housing Association, so this would also benefit their tenants at Kingsbrook Court, and also possibly tenants of their other services if they were invited to the planting and harvesting.</p> <p>The trees will be planted by a group of people made up of Creative Support staff, the able residents of Kingsbrook Court, and hopefully other members of the public</p>	35
Alnwick Community Development Trust (Northumberland)	<p>To plant a variety of trees in two locations, firstly at an existing open grassed area around Alnwick Community Centre. It is surrounded by mainly local authority housing with a little private housing, including a small children's play area, and a multi-use games area. The space would benefit from the addition of trees to add visual interest as well as supply some produce for local residents and to be used at the Community Centre's cafe. It is supported by the town council, the county council and the development trust. It will closely involve the children's and young peoples groups who meet at the Community Centre to encourage their ownership.</p> <p>The other location would be at the edge of town centre allotments. The trees will offer interest and shelter to the allotment holders who will maintain the trees in partnership with the town council. Any produce from these trees could also be used at the community cafe at Alnwick Community Centre. The planting will be undertaken by the community.</p>	81
Witton Park Community Association (Woodside and Escomb, County Durham)	<p>Witton Park was designated as a 'Category D' village by the Durham County Council in the 1950's and shrank from a population of 6000+ at the height of its industry (coal mining followed by iron smelting) to its current population of 600. There are several brown field sites in the village, now classed with recreation or village green status. These are currently mainly grassed areas, but would be enhanced with some communally owned fruit trees.</p> <p>Escomb also has a number of suitable community spaces that would be enhanced by tree planting. The tree planting will be undertaken by volunteers and two local school groups.</p>	35
Horndean Community Association (Hampshire)	<p>Plant trees within the public grounds of the community hall which will then benefit the landscape and ecology of the site. Local youngsters will help plant the trees, bringing an educational element to the project as well. The local Countryside Ranger (employed by Horndean Parish Council) has planned the work on behalf of Merchistoun Hall and will be helped by around 5 local volunteers to assist with the planting. They have a network of young volunteers that are keen to help with the tree planting and maintenance of the grounds generally.</p>	15

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<p>Wellingore Parish Council (Wellingore, Lincolnshire)</p>	<p>An integral part of an on going project to improve the general environment of the parish of Wellingore. They already have the support of the residents for this activity. They have the commitment of the village "youth council" and Community Payback team. The parish council support the application and the long term care and support that will follow.</p> <p>The aims of our project are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To increase the environmental bio-diversity index of the parish. 2) Build on the success of previous environmental improvement projects within the parish. 3) Encourage wildlife back into the parish. 4) Develop and improve green spaces within the parish. 	<p>60</p>
<p>GW Lancs and Wigan (Hindley, Amberswood, Nr Wigan)</p>	<p>To develop Amberswood Common as a key local amenity to encourage community engagement, promote healthy and active lifestyles, draw in visitors to the Greenheart Regional Park and celebrate local heritage through developing an ex-industrial site for wildlife. The project will encourage improved access to the site by the surrounding communities. Two school paths will be upgraded and will have new tree planting. The project is led by the Greenheart Community Action Team, which is a team of Future Jobs Fund Project Assistants and graduate volunteers who are working in partnership with Wigan Council, local residents and local schools. The trees will consist of native species which support a variety of wildlife.</p>	<p>45</p>
<p>Birmingham Trees for Life (Birmingham)</p>	<p>To plant trees in Birmingham's parks and open spaces to increase the tree cover in the city, by creating new woodlands and planting semi-mature trees - both in addition to existing trees and to replace those removed due to old age or disease. They propose to plant 4,100 trees per year (16,400 over 4 years) with local Friends of groups and local community. Organisation has 4 years track record and already planted 10,000 trees</p>	<p>16,400</p>
<p>London Orchard Project (London)</p>	<p>The LOP has been running for 2.5 years and has developed a good track record. The project aims to plant 42 new community orchards. Working in partnership with community groups to plant orchards on housing estates and parks, and hoping to develop partnership with other charities (such a day care centres), universities, schools, hospitals and potentially prisons. They have already been contacted by some groups and they will work with community leaders to train them to plant and look after the orchards.</p>	<p>420</p>
<p>Shrewsbury Town Council (Shropshire)</p>	<p>The Town Council (STC) in partnership with others has agreed in principle to help promote the scheme and plant trees. Standard size trees will be planted on adopted streets and public parks in neighbourhoods short of trees. Schools and public open space might also benefit from small-scale urban woodland planting, utilising whips and transplants. Local community groups and residents will be encouraged to help plant and maintain trees, but over and above this, STC and Shropshire Council undertake to maintain all planting in the long term.</p>	<p>20550</p>

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Trees for Cities- (Cities outside London)	Experienced environmental charity working with local groups to plant in multiple sites and surfaces across the 4 years. Cities for Yr 1 have already been identified and some permissions sought. Aim to plant 77,000 trees and work with 100 community groups.	77000
Community Forest North West (Red Rose and Mersey Forests, North West England)	A series of community planting schemes (taking place between 1st May 2011 and 31st March 2015) in parks, other publicly accessible spaces, schools, and street trees, all in urban neighbourhoods where people live and work. Since 1994 they have planted 8 million trees and involved 100,000 local people.	77,147
Trees for Cities- Pan London (London)	To plant 40,000 trees across London over 4 years increasing tree cover in areas of social and/or environmental deprivation. To build the capacity of 80 local community groups in deprived areas of London to undertake local tree planting and to inspire and enable tree planting beyond the lifetime of this programme. To enhance the quality of life for people living in areas of social and/or environmental deprivation.	40000
Swanley Town Council (Kent)	To plant an avenue to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee which will enhance Swanley Park and provide a majestic tree-lined walk for visitors to enjoy for generations to come. Support from and involvement of several local community groups including a wildlife & nature group, residents' associations, local uniformed groups as well as inviting the whole community to "sponsor a tree for the Jubilee". This project will engender community spirit as well as improving the very poor air quality in Swanley which has a high Air Quality Management Area designation. At least 100 people will be involved in sponsoring and assisting with planting. We estimate over 10,000 people visit the park each year; the aim is to keep sponsorship low so that all of the community can be involved.	100
Warley Woods Community Trust (Smethwick, West Mids)	To renew the aging trees at Warley Woods, ensuring there will be beautiful woodland walks (planting 100 whips per year with local school children) and special parkland trees (planting 6 semi mature potted standard trees) for future generations. Warley Woods is managed by the community - it has over 20 local residents directly involved in its day to day operation. It has over 700 members and over 200 people gave time and volunteered for maintenance work or to help with events in 2010.	424
BTCV Kent (Ashford, Kent)	As part of the Kent Heritage Trees Project, over the next 5 year BTCV will be planting 23,000 trees at 23 community woodland sites across Kent. The sites have not yet been decided - to encourage community participation and sense of ownership they will be consulting with the public and local authorities, parish councils and volunteers to involve them in the decision process as to where the trees will be planted and to ensure a managed plan for their future aftercare.	23024

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<p>GW Thames Valley (Hounslow Central and West)</p>	<p>A partnership project with Working with Men, an organisation that aims to engage marginalized and excluded men and boys with their communities. It will involve boys and men with young children in planting trees in their neighbourhoods and in parks close to where they live. The project will give a marginalized group a sense of ownership of their neighbourhood and challenge negative perceptions of them. Participants will learn how to maintain the trees and be encouraged to adopt them.</p> <p>Anticipate 400 people will be involved in planting the trees over approximately 20 events. They will welcome volunteers from across the community from all ages and genders, but will seek to involve men and boys as this group tends to underrepresented in volunteering in these communities.</p>	<p>660</p>
<p>Cricklade Bloomers (Crickdale, nr Swindon)</p>	<p>A sustainable landscaping project which will include both extensive tree planting and the creation of small meadows. Trees will be planted to extend the existing Millennium Wood by 0.4ha, fill in gaps along the edge of the field and provide specimen tree planting in open space. Equally importantly, the scheme will help to muffle the ever present traffic noise for residents and protect nearby homes by acting as a wind break. They will work with the Town Council's groundsmen, local partners and volunteers to maintain the scheme, an approach already tried and tested with the now established Millennium Wood. The group are an established and trusted local community group with widespread support for their projects. Estimate 100+ people will be involved.</p>	<p>1100</p>
<p>Staffordshire Wildlife Trust (Tamworth)</p>	<p>To plant 5,000 trees in public open spaces across a primarily urban borough. The sessions will involve existing local volunteer groups and will also be promoted to local communities and groups. In addition to the 5,000 whips, ten standard specimen trees will be planted in Wigginton Park. This planting will be part of the creation of 'Wigginton Park Arboretum', which the newly set-up volunteer group are very keen on. Community involvement in this project will engender a sense of ownership over the park area and the special nature of these trees. They will organise and deliver two "Wild About Trees" events which will be widely promoted to the local community and would include tree seed growing, wild play activities and crafts relating to trees, tree ID, tree trails and hedgerow surveys.</p> <p>A minimum of 10 volunteers will participate at each of the 10 tree planting sessions and a minimum of 10 volunteers will also participate at each of the 2 "Wild About Tree" events (total of 120 volunteers).</p>	<p>5010</p>

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<p>Gw Oldham and Rochdale (Oldham and Rochdale)</p>	<p>Groundwork will work with Pennine Edge Forest and the local community to identify, design and implement a number of street tree and small woodland planting on available sites across the boroughs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 200 local residents engaged in the consultation and design of the sites. · 10 Key community groups/organisations consulted on the works undertaken · 5 schools participate in woodland activities · 285 volunteers assist in the physical re-development of the site e.g. woodland management, tree planting. · 4 community led engagement events held. · A minimum of 1400 new trees planted in a combination of small woodlands and street trees across the Boroughs. <p>Groundwork and Pennine Edge Forest have a strong track record of delivering tree planting schemes locally, it is expected that the scheme would allow the partnership to deliver new initiatives to support healthy eating i.e. planting of community orchards and fruit trees and also continue to expand neighbourhood projects such as the schools arboretum project.</p> <p>The community will be involved and consulted at all stages of the scheme</p>	<p>1400</p>
<p>Friends of Wallsend Parks (North Tyneside)</p>	<p>The Friends of Wallsend Parks (FOWP) are a local community group who volunteer and are working with North Tyneside Council (NTC) to help/support the overall regeneration of the park. They have adopted the Arboretum as their "special project" and are seeking funding to undertake a community-led tree planting scheme.</p>	<p>307</p>
<p>Aspire Housing (Newcastle Under Lyme, Staffordshire)</p>	<p>To plant trees in ares of Clayton, a built up urban space and Lyme Valley Park, which is an open community space. The Housing Association will work with local community groups such as the guides, primary school and residents to undertake the planting in the Park, however they will not be involved with the street trees due to dangers of planting on busy roads. They are working with the Clayton Residents Association and the Friends of the park group to plan the planting and both groups are supportive. They are hoping to involve around 100 people in the planting days.</p>	<p>2073</p>