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PLANTING 70 MORE TREES IN SKERRIES!

**Come plant with us during one of our
2023 planting sessions**

Last year, Sustainable Skerries received funding from ChangeX / Accenture to start mini orchards in Skerries. Now we are ready for more, thanks to Fingal County Council - but **we can't do that without you.**

**Join us and plant a mini orchard (or more)
on Sat 4 March or Sat 11 March! (details inside)**



**THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HELP PLANT THE TREES IN SEVEN AREAS THROUGHOUT SKERRIES
(SEE MAPS ON THE INSIDE). THE FRUITS OF THE TREES WILL BE EVERYBODY'S TO ENJOY.**

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Can you help? Let us know that you'll be along!

Simply register online at SustainableSkerries.com/orchards

Some questions and answers

How come this is happening? When an organisation called ChangeX offered funding for open orchard projects, the Sustainable Skerries committee went for it.

The first, 2022, planting season was great - see for yourself on SustainableSkerries.com/orchards.

Now we are getting ready to plant another 70 trees. We have met with Fingal County Council on location, and they are really supportive of our project.

Why plant Open Orchards? The Skerries Open Orchards Project aims to plant fruit trees in public places in Skerries. The trees will provide **free fruit** to local residents and **greenery** to the open spaces in our town, but there are other benefits too.

A newly planted tree will offer some **extra pollination opportunities** and absorb a small amount of **carbon dioxide** as well as **rainwater** that might otherwise have stayed on the surface. And as the trees grow, so do these positive effects.

Of course there are already many fruit trees around the town, but by planting fruit trees on public land, the project is an investment in our shared **public space**. The trees embellish our greens and provide an opportunity for residents' groups to work together to protect and nurture them.

The trees will start to produce fruit, but it's the process of caring for them that produces the most important harvest: **strengthening our community and improving our public space.**

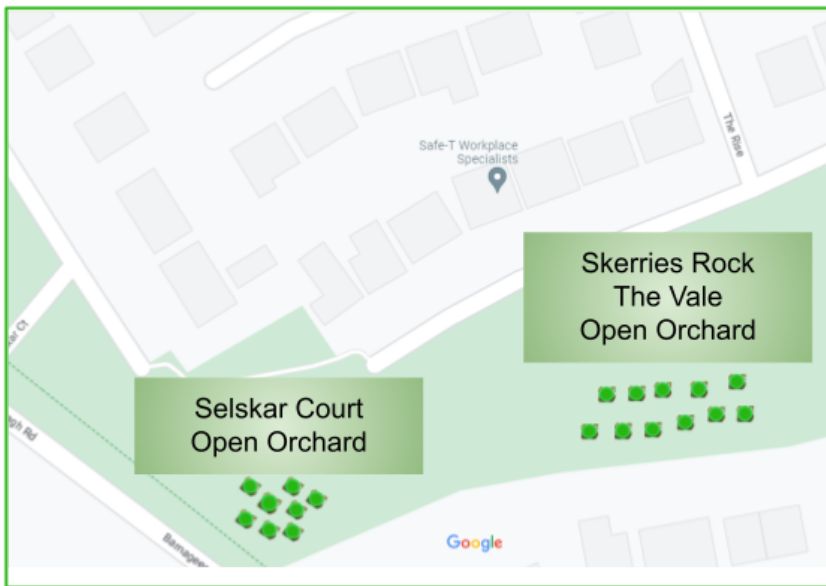
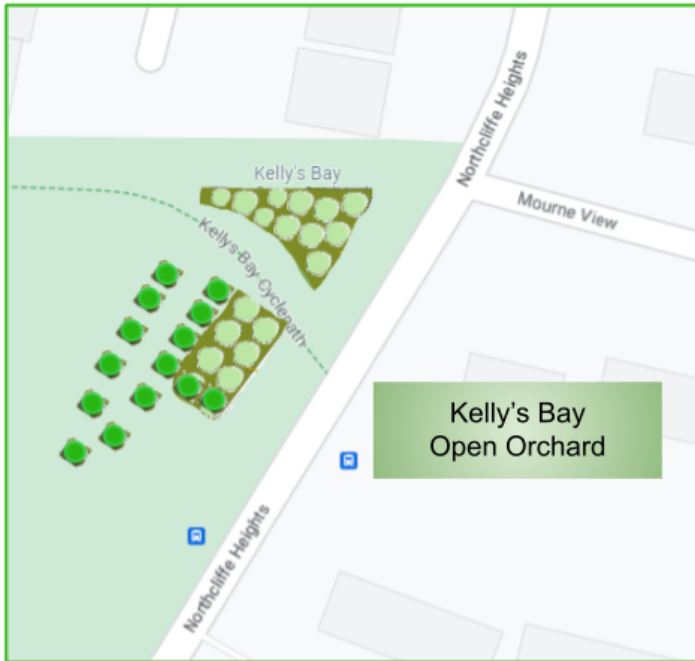
PLEASE SIGN UP ON [SUSTAINABLESKERRIES.COM/ORCHARDS](https://SustainableSkerries.com/orchards) SO WE KNOW HOW MANY WILL COME!

We will email you detailed information about what to bring and what to expect.





HERE ARE ROUGH MAPS OF OUR PLANNED ORCHARDS.

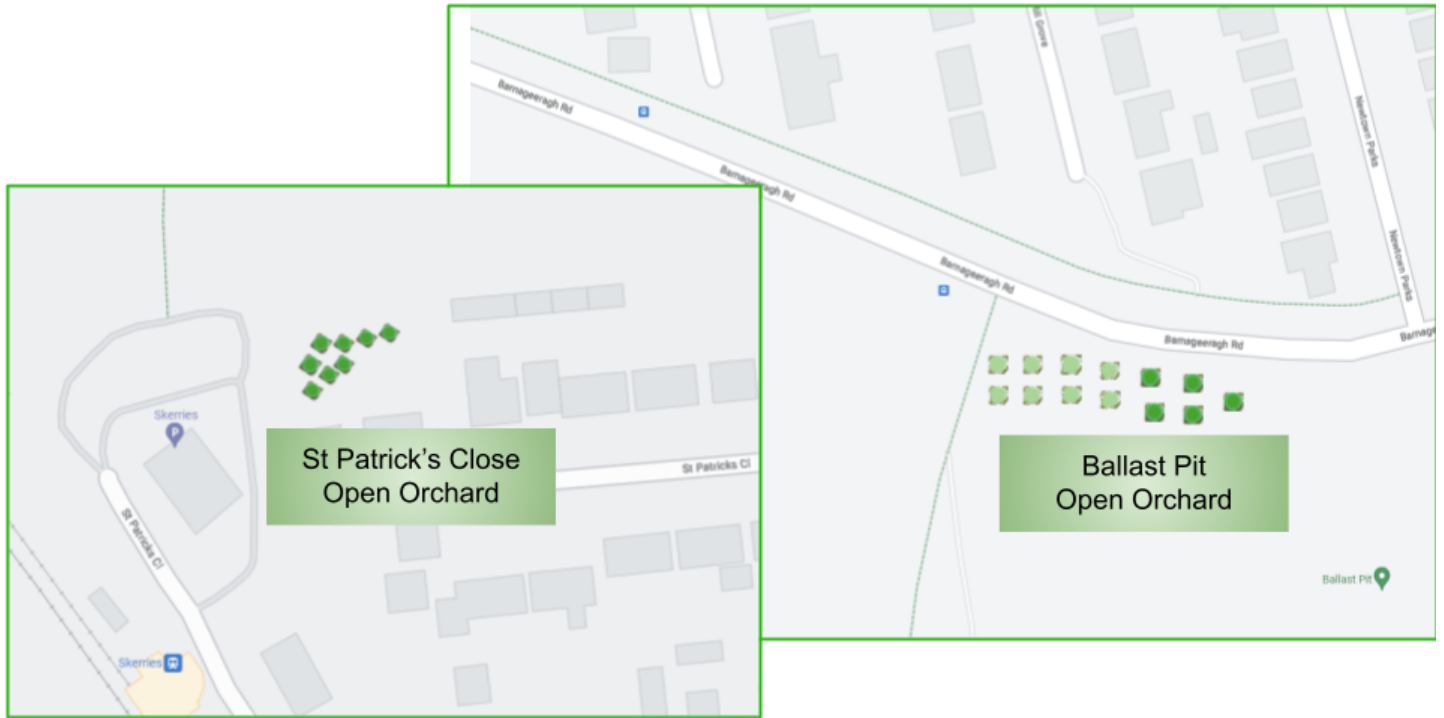


These sketches give a rough indication where the new trees (bright green) are going to go. Maps are based on Google Maps. Sign-up forms for the planting days, as well as **clearer maps with satellite images** are on our website, SustainableSkerries.com/orchards!

Each session starts with a demonstration, so plan to be on time:

- Sat 4 Mar, 11 am: **Kelly's Bay** Open Orchard: 14 trees
- Sat 4 Mar, 1 pm: **Greenlawns** Open Orchard: 12 trees
- Sat 11 Mar, 10 am: **Selskar Court** Open Orchard: 8 trees
- Sat 11 Mar, 11 am: **Skerries Rock The Vale** Open Orchard: 12 trees
- Sat 11 Mar, 12 noon: **Skerries Rock The Lawn** Open Orchard: 8 trees





- Sat 11 March, 2 pm: **Ballast Pit** Open Orchard: 5 additional trees
- Sat 11 March, 3 pm: **St Patrick's Close** Open Orchard: 8 trees

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How do I sign up? If you are free for one of the planting sessions (or more) to help plant the trees, please sign up on sustainableskerries.com/orchards - if that doesn't work, you can also send an email to sustskerries@gmail.com

Will we get loads of apples and other fruit?

Not for the first couple of years, but over time, there should be quite a bit. Everyone will be welcome to take some of the fruit!

Sustainable Skerries, a committee of the Skerries Community Association CLG, is involved in activities around **biodiversity** (with Skerries Tidy Towns), **food, waste reduction / circular economy, sustainable energy** (with Skerries Sustainable Energy Committee) and **sustainable transport** (with Skerries Cycling Initiative). We also engage with other groups in Skerries, as well as Fingal County Council . **Join us!**



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*Our aim is to make Skerries resilient, regenerative,
and a great place to live for all... now and in the years to come.*





Skerries Open Orchards Project 2023:

Join us in planting a mix of fruit trees
on **Sat 4 March or Sat 11 March** (see inside for details)

Sign up on sustainableskerries.com/orchards
or simply get in touch to find out more: sustskerries@gmail.com



Be in the loop - join **Skerries Neighbourhoods Network**

Are you a member of a neighbourhood network?

A WhatsApp group just for your road? A Facebook group for your estate? A residents' association even?

Yes? Great! Please have a look if it's in our list here, and if not, please go to our online form and add your group!

The Skerries Community Association (SCA) is facilitating this network of neighbourhood groups in order to bring together all the neighbourhood groups in Skerries. This helps exchange of information and more.

Most new open orchards were started through such groups, by the way.

No? Well, then check whether the area where you are living is covered by any of the groups below.

If your street is covered, send an email to network@skerriesca.com with your name and address and contact details, and we'll pass them on to the group in question. If it's not listed, ask around first.

And if there is no group yet in your area, just start one!

The current Skerries Neighbourhoods Network:

Ardgillan View
Ballygossan Park WhatsApp Group
Barnageeragh Cove and Hamilton Hill Residents Association
Churchfield Residents Association
Greenlawns Watch
Hillside Together (Hillside Close & Gardens)
Kelly's Bay Rocks WhatsApp Group
Kelly's Bay Strand Neighbours
Kelly's Bay Tower
Martine Court Residents
Mourne Estate Residents Association
Quay Street Residents
Selskar Court group
The Haven
Togher Hill Residents

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