# Skerries Open Orchards

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## The background to this project

- Opportunity to secure funding for open orchards through ChangeX
  - See more about this on our ChangeX page.
- Formed the Skerries Open Orchards Project
  - (a part of Sustainable Skerries, which in turn is a committee of the Skerries Community Association)
- Nov 2021: Started planning our first open orchard, in close contact with Fingal County Council.







#### Season 1: 2022.

- We planted the first mini open orchard, Kelly's Bay Open Orchard, on Sat 12 February 2022!
  - The Kelly's Bay Open Orchard Guardians are keeping an eye on the very young trees.
- We planted another small open orchard at the Ballast Pit Pedestrian Crossing on Barnageeragh Road in March
  And two mini open orchards in Mourne View.







#### Some planting images















#### And a video

Feb 2022 Kelly's Bay Open Orchard Planting







#### 2023

- Residents got in touch for more open orchards
- Fingal County Council was super supportive
- We planted another 70 trees!







2023



WITH FUNDING FROM Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall Fingal County Council

#### 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 The Fruits of the trees will be everybody's to enjoy.

> Can you help? Let us know that you'll be along! Simply register online at <u>SustainableSkerries.com/orchards</u>







#### SKERRIES OPEN ORCHARDS PROJECTS 2023

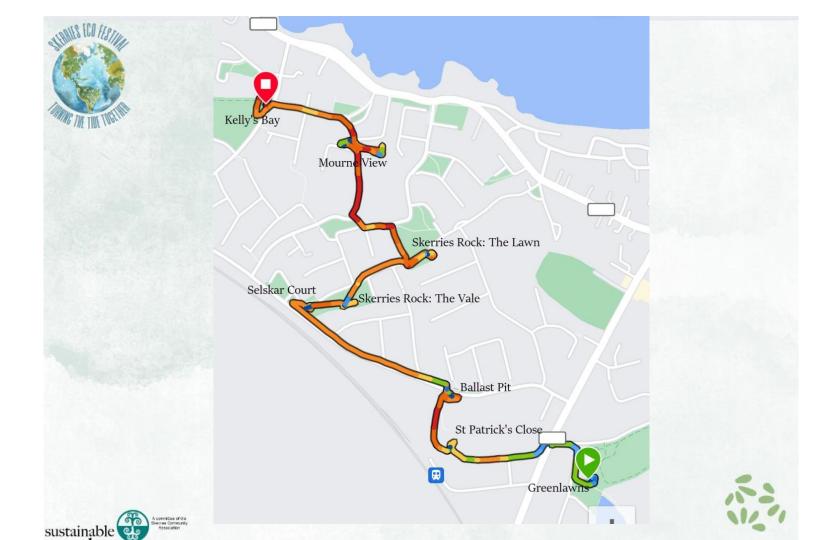
Here are some rough sketches where the new orchards will go:













### Will your area join us in 2024?

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