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>







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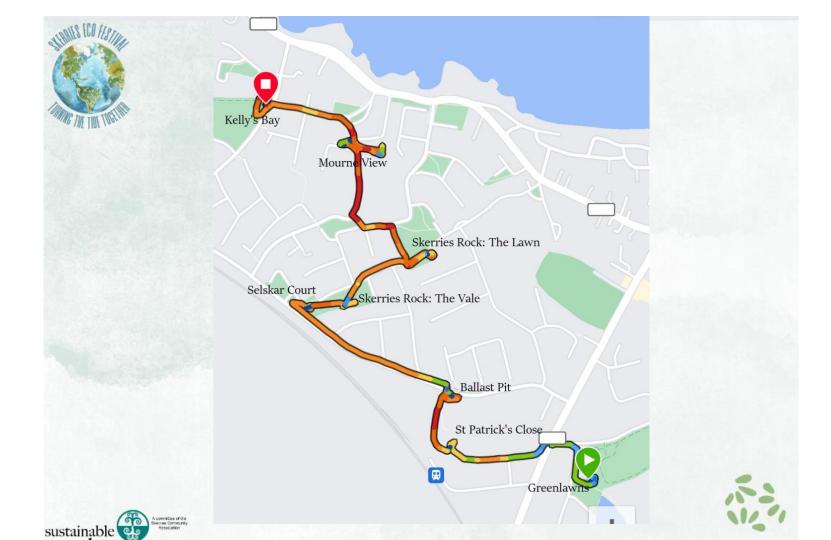
Here are some rough sketches where the new orchards will go:













Will your area join us in 2024?

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