

# Traditional Orchards

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A desk survey followed by extensive ground-truthing, this survey summarises three seasons of fieldwork and highlights the status of traditional orchards in Cambridgeshire

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Over the past three years, CPERC has been attempting to produce the definitive traditional orchard map for Cambridgeshire.

## Headline figures from our survey

Cambridgeshire has over 1000 possible traditional orchard sites. The average size of these is less than 0.5 hectare. The proportion of the county which can be classified as traditional orchard is less than 1%, and although a handful of parishes have a high proportion of traditional orchard (above 2%) most have no more than the county average. Many parishes have none at all.

## Introduction

We started with all the available information available in Geographical Information System (GIS) format, which can be summarised as the sites surveyed by the Cambridgeshire Orchard group for their phase 1, 2 and 3 surveys, orchards shown on the ordnance survey, Orchards (definite and possible) as highlighted in the national Traditional Orchard Inventory (Natural England/PTES) and supplemented with aerial photography and the county Phase1 habitat survey (1990-94), non-interactive layers in GIS. We wanted to be able to update this information to provide the most comprehensive information on the extent of this valuable priority habitat, as all of those sources clearly only contained a proportion of the data.

We systematically checked all of these sources for existing orchard polygons, and against the 1990s Phase 1 map and aerial photography (2003 and 2008), and created a single GIS layer of all polygons which may be orchard. CPERC staff and volunteers became quite experienced at spotting possible orchards from aerial photography – especially those individuals who had been out doing field checks.

Over three Springs we have also checked over half of the parishes, comprising almost 75% of the possible orchard polygons. It was quite often the case that orchards, especially overgrown or remnant sites, were noticed during fieldwork which had not been located during the desk search. Doing the fieldwork checks at blossom time proved to be a real bonus for this project – collections of fruit trees are much easier to spot in overgrown situations or behind houses when blossoming. For the fieldwork we assigned sites to definitely traditional, possibly traditional, not traditional, and unknown. The latter was only used where it was not possible to view a site from any public or permitted access point. The criteria for traditional orchards supplied with the national inventory were used – these suggest an assemblage of 5 or more trees with a non-intensive management (or no management), not closely spaced, and which additionally may have unmanaged or grazed grass beneath. We came across numerous occasions where the trees would meet these criteria, but often with very neatly mown grass, often in garden settings – these would still be counted, but might only gain a possible status rather than a definite one. This assignment was probably a little influenced by the surveyor, but we feel that much of our checking was done in a consistent manner. Sites classed as not traditional orchard were either sites which had been cleared of any possible fruit trees, or were erroneous identifications. Some which were picked up from the national inventory of traditional orchards were not carried across into our layer for checking, when it was clear that there was nothing there consistently from mapping resources. The comments supplied should allow for

this to be noted. Community orchards which are recently planted, with the ethos of becoming traditional orchard sites were also captured in this process and given the designation of Community Orchard.

The total number of putative sites located was 1435, and full statistics of the number surveyed and of those the number in each category is given below.

We have also looked at the distribution of the putative sites and the proportion of parishes which they cover.

We gratefully acknowledge Natural England for funding year 1, when the work was focussed on the fens part of the county, and to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Biodiversity Partnership for part funding the second year. The final season of field checking was unfunded, and carried out solely by volunteers.

Abbreviations used throughout: TO, PTO, UNK, NTO, CO. Traditional Orchard, Possible or Probable Traditional Orchard, Unknown, Not Traditional Orchard, Community Orchard.

Table 1 below summarises the status of the putative traditional orchards selected in the GIS-based phase of the project. A total of 1393 sites were noted and digitised.

*Table 1, the number and area of putative orchard sites digitised in the desk study and the status of those visited so far*

	Visited	CO	NTO	PTO	TO	UNK	unvisited
<b>sites</b>	1063	26	304	155	475	103	372
<b>Area (Hectare)</b>	756.67	7.63	259.15	90.06	363.26	36.57	240.43
<b>Percentage area</b>	75.89	0.77	25.99	9.03	36.43	3.67	24.11

403.25 Hectares area traditional orchard checked so far

Table 2 below shows the parish proportion of putative traditional orchard. Very few parishes have significant traditional orchard or potential traditional orchard, few managing more than 2 percent of the parish area.

*Table 2, the number and area of putative orchard sites by parish*

Parish	Total Area (ha)	Count of sites in parish	Area of all polygons per parish	Area of polygons excluding NTO	Percentage area of confirmed or possible TO
Abbots Ripton	1650.171	6	1.373	1.373	0.08
Abbotsley	2296.652	8	2.989	1.8476	0.08
Abington Pigotts	500.0506	2	2.2	2.2	0.44
Ailsworth	636.405	0	0	0	0.00
Alconbury	1241.579	2	0.3328	0.3328	0.03
Alconbury Weston	701.1628	2	0.2814	0.2814	0.04
Alwalton	71.1578	0	0	0	0.00
Arrington	551.021	3	0.8191	0.8191	0.15
Ashley	903.1961	1	0.28	0.28	0.03
Babraham	974.0235	1	0.1236	0	0.00

Bainton	704.201	2	0.7365	0.0698	0.01
Balsham	1838.61	4	0.6097	0.376	0.02
Bar Hill	146.8211	0	0	0	0.00
Barham and Woolley	765.8411	1	0.0369	0.0369	0.00
Barnack	1195.157	6	1.7055	0.6384	0.05
Barrington	915.6083	5	2.5764	2.5764	0.28
Bartlow	218.4186	0	0	0	0.00
Barton	724.4725	5	3.5699	3.5699	0.49
Bassingbourn cum Kneesworth	1541.069	10	3.5181	3.5181	0.23
Benwick	1320.687	1	0.6122	0.6122	0.05
Bluntisham	965.8831	39	45.7818	42.6593	4.42
Borough Fen	1164.901	0	0	0	0.00
Bottisham	1154.699	5	0.994	0.994	0.09
Bourn	1352.275	10	2.3409	2.3409	0.17
Boxworth	1052.485	2	2.3373	2.3373	0.22
Brampton	1439.865	1	0.0754	0.0754	0.01
Bretton	413.44	0	0	0	0.00
Brington and Molesworth	1149.888	2	0.3037	0.3037	0.03
Brinkley	527.2149	1	0.2294	0.2294	0.04
Broughton	959.9964	1	0.1169	0.1169	0.01
Buckden	1261.324	6	1.5637	1.5637	0.12
Buckworth	818.6413	1	0.7566	0.7566	0.09
Burrough Green	919.4233	0	0	0	0.00
Burwell	2563.197	5	4.1486	3.8144	0.15
Bury	594.3981	1	0.3086	0.3086	0.05
Bythorn and Keyston	1720.146	1	1.0167	1.0167	0.06
Caldecote	406.6045	8	2.5189	2.5189	0.62
Cambourne	412.3006	2	0.4702	0.4702	0.11
Cambridge	4069.879	11	2.6464	2.6464	0.07
Carlton	977.6805	0	0	0	0.00
Castle Camps	1259.896	6	1.3458	0.0633	0.01
Castor	1371.644	2	1.1052	0	0.00
Catworth	1251.197	5	0.7207	0.7207	0.06
Caxton	802.75	2	1.6925	1.6925	0.21
Chatteris	6117.837	8	1.5581	1.064	0.02
Chesterton	543.9608	3	1.6669	1.6669	0.31
Cheveley	1035.263	5	1.9956	1.9956	0.19
Childerley	434.1281	3	2.7299	2.7299	0.63
Chippenham	1739.352	4	1.1201	0.8694	0.05
Christchurch	2816.963	5	2.1928	1.1895	0.04
Colne	694.1019	16	36.551	36.551	5.27
Comberton	786.8851	12	2.4637	1.7832	0.23
Conington (H)	1283.81	3	0.2346	0.2346	0.02
Conington (S)	615.6952	0	0	0	0.00
Coton	398.9297	4	23.6172	23.5416	5.90
Cottenham	2924.913	76	47.1462	37.2391	1.27

Coveney	1289.994	10	3.4592	1.4826	0.11
Covington	523.7647	0	0	0	0.00
Croxton	773.7157	2	0.4257	0.1275	0.02
Croydon	1108.476	1	0.4197	0.4197	0.04
Deeping Gate	219.832	1	0.1163	0.1163	0.05
Denton and Caldecote	772.2639	0	0	0	0.00
Diddington	525.7006	2	0.2134	0.2134	0.04
Doddington	2855.821	10	6.0219	0.5055	0.02
Downham	4457.3	18	7.666	2.8222	0.06
Dry Drayton	832.3034	4	0.5819	0.5819	0.07
Dullingham	1370.133	6	2.8493	2.8493	0.21
Duxford	1300.914	1	0.5512	0	0.00
Earith	431.1565	7	13.3103	8.0215	1.86
Easton	547.2178	0	0	0	0.00
Ellington	979.0255	0	0	0	0.00
Elm	5875.022	31	22.9658	13.1445	0.22
Elsworth	1552.511	2	1.066	1.066	0.07
Eltisley	795.4526	1	1.5879	1.5879	0.20
Elton	1526.1	3	0.6707	0.6707	0.04
Ely	5921.138	14	7.9502	0.3273	0.01
Etton	530.181	3	0.4044	0.4044	0.08
Eye	1099.666	3	0.5156	0.3905	0.04
Farcet	1841.589	3	0.3307	0.1373	0.01
Fen Ditton	599.5323	2	0.9028	0.9028	0.15
Fen Drayton	602.7106	5	5.1291	5.1291	0.85
Fenstanton	1032.574	5	5.0923	5.0923	0.49
Folksworth and Washingley	888.4851	0	0	0	0.00
Fordham	1670.904	8	2.9581	1.7506	0.11
Fowlmere	967.1087	13	4.5442	0.6366	0.07
Foxton	711.0949	1	0.085	0.085	0.01
Fulbourn	2131.427	6	1.153	0.7394	0.03
Gamlingay	1304.578	4	8.9746	8.9746	0.69
Girton	717.0573	8	2.4311	2.4311	0.34
Glatton	880.355	0	0	0	0.00
Glinton	554.045	4	1.6614	0.8617	0.16
Godmanchester	1982.544	3	6.7829	6.7829	0.34
Gorefield	1063.114	25	63.7666	23.5307	2.21
Grafham	728.9492	0	0	0	0.00
Grantchester	489.3962	2	2.1795	2.1795	0.45
Graveley	640.7224	0	0	0	0.00
Great Abington	642.874	3	0.3028	0.3028	0.05
Great and Little Chishill	1300.017	6	10.8507	10.8507	0.83
Great Eversden	565.3439	7	3.0284	3.0284	0.54
Great Gidding	943.018	0	0	0	0.00
Great Gransden	1374.448	2	1.8676	1.8676	0.14
Great Paxton	569.2738	4	2.0435	2.0435	0.36
Great Shelford	837.5742	5	1.0475	0.4448	0.05

Great Staughton	2054.871	2	0.3201	0.3201	0.02
Great Wilbraham	1182.01	2	0.6687	0.1509	0.01
Guilden Morden	1052.563	2	1.0395	1.0395	0.10
Haddenham	3605.252	21	23.2642	20.1862	0.56
Haddon	493.4995	0	0	0	0.00
Hail Weston	822.0129	1	0.189	0	0.00
Hamerton and Steeple Gidding	1329.041	5	0.5217	0.5217	0.04
Hardwick	582.7283	9	1.4185	1.1377	0.20
Harlton	510.0742	3	4.9407	4.9407	0.97
Harston	693.5708	3	1.7337	1.7337	0.25
Haslingfield	1195.053	3	0.957	0.957	0.08
Hatley	960.9594	4	0.8526	0.8526	0.09
Hauxton	206.7418	0	0	0	0.00
Helpston	754.006	2	0.8357	0.8357	0.11
Hemingford Abbots	978.2714	1	0.3612	0.3612	0.04
Hemingford Grey	743.3787	0	0	0	0.00
Heydon	865.6873	4	1.1906	0.6034	0.07
Hildersham	616.9199	2	0.7944	0.7498	0.12
Hilton	534.5298	3	2.2583	2.2583	0.42
Hinxton	635.4729	1	0.2271	0.2271	0.04
Histon	711.2254	11	9.9916	9.5654	1.34
Holme	1751.634	1	0.0888	0.0888	0.01
Holywell-cum-Needingworth	1166.094	8	2.2313	2.2313	0.19
Horningsea	666.2637	11	2.3157	2.3157	0.35
Horseheath	778.9599	3	0.2575	0.134	0.02
Houghton and Wyton	657.2281	3	5.4678	5.2949	0.81
Huntingdon	1118.62	3	0.2454	0.2454	0.02
Ickleton	1080.413	5	3.2407	0.3911	0.04
Impington	697.3599	11	4.9114	4.4687	0.64
Isleham	2117.114	8	4.8144	1.8139	0.09
Kennett	580.0614	0	0	0	0.00
Kimbolton	2008.538	1	0.1822	0.1822	0.01
Kings Ripton	550.2538	3	3.1007	3.1007	0.56
Kingston	771.2536	6	1.3366	1.3366	0.17
Kirtling	1265.444	2	0.5232	0.5232	0.04
Knapwell	506.3026	3	0.6835	0.6835	0.13
Landbeach	934.1417	15	7.5653	5.5197	0.59
Leighton	1265.599	3	0.362	0.362	0.03
Leverington	734.6645	10	9.374	9.374	1.28
Linton	1591.328	1	0.2988	0.2988	0.02
Litlington	868.9141	7	2.8827	2.8827	0.33
Little Abington	518.6816	3	0.8469	0.8469	0.16
Little Eversden	319.0913	7	2.8952	2.8952	0.91
Little Gidding	293.1378	0	0	0	0.00
Little Gransden	777.0568	2	0.9238	0.9238	0.12
Little Paxton	471.927	0	0	0	0.00

Little Shelford	528.2697	1	0.7609	0.7609	0.14
Little Wilbraham	803.8031	1	0.0742	0	0.00
Littleport	7400.442	25	9.2713	5.015	0.07
Lode	1268.88	2	0.4899	0.4899	0.04
Lolworth	448.2176	1	0.2693	0.2693	0.06
Longstanton	1124.592	9	7.5012	6.8724	0.61
Longstowe	624.7019	7	0.6999	0.6561	0.11
Madingley	844.9798	4	0.4601	0.3732	0.04
Manea	2702.315	11	1.2427	0.607	0.02
March	7811.628	18	13.7382	12.4571	0.16
Marholm	567.646	4	0.9483	0.9483	0.17
Maxey	659.348	5	1.6925	1.6196	0.25
Melbourn	1767.052	21	28.7275	11.0006	0.62
Meldreth	979.1343	29	27.602	16.4311	1.68
Mepal	744.0593	0	0	0	0.00
Milton	802.7514	2	0.6119	0.2532	0.03
Morborne	498.9768	3	0.4019	0.4019	0.05
Newborough	2281.694	2	0.2982	0.2982	0.06
Newton (F)	1488.508	2	1.6784	0.2282	0.01
Newton (S)	421.8805	5	0.4289	0	0.00
Northborough	487.607	4	1.8472	1.8472	0.38
Oakington and Westwick	885.4327	11	5.4947	5.4947	0.62
Offord Cluny and Offord D'Arcy	1185.542	2	0.2221	0.2221	0.02
Old Hurst	422.3149	1	0.4681	0.4681	0.11
Old Weston	829.3565	2	0.5999	0.5999	0.07
Orchard Park	35.52519	0	0	0	0.00
Orton Longueville	482.442	0	0	0	0.00
Orton Waterville	704.741	2	0.3406	0.3406	0.05
Orwell	825.1276	10	2.5907	2.5907	0.31
Over	1511.767	42	47.6851	39.7451	2.63
Pampisford	651.0092	0	0	0	0.00
Papworth Everard	467.9011	0	0	0	0.00
Papworth St Agnes	525.8573	0	0	0	0.00
Parson Drove	2094.924	6	12.3653	0.295	0.01
Peakirk	239.3	0	0	0	0.00
Perry	588.729	0	0	0	0.00
Peterborough	6377.692	1	0.343	0.343	0.01
Pidley cum Fenton	1442.16	6	32.4371	0.9963	0.07
Rampton	556.0137	23	14.951	13.941	2.51
Ramsey	6361.383	11	7.6523	1.0772	0.02
Reach	459.336	6	1.4109	1.4109	0.31
Sawston	771.4198	3	0.3587	0.1425	0.02
Sawtry	2537.043	3	0.6892	0.6892	0.03
Shepreth	532.1867	2	1.6105	0.1935	0.04
Shingay cum Wendy	727.7578	1	0.1194	0.1194	0.02
Shudy Camps	955.1244	1	0.2129	0.2129	0.02

Sibson-cum-Stibbington	623.686	2	0.2814	0.2814	0.05
Snailwell	805.596	0	0	0	0.00
Soham	5265.219	9	1.715	1.5313	0.03
Somersham	1889.692	30	22.0971	17.2018	0.91
Southoe and Midloe	961.8839	0	0	0	0.00
Southorpe	761.725	4	1.489	0.5656	0.07
Spaldwick	739.6577	2	0.2034	0.2034	0.03
St Ives	1088.448	6	7.6595	6.6808	0.61
St Neots	1527.717	1	0.2109	0.2109	0.01
St. Martin's without	359.917	0	0	0	0.00
Stapleford	742.3895	4	3.258	2.5879	0.35
Steeple Morden	1554.406	2	1.6758	1.6758	0.11
Stetchworth	1170.344	1	0.1702	0.1702	0.01
Stilton	660.9709	5	0.4006	0.4006	0.06
Stow cum Quy	765.5889	4	0.7736	0.7736	0.10
Stow Longa	413.4206	0	0	0	0.00
Stretham	1629.07	8	2.3055	2.3055	0.14
Sutton	372.512	0	0	0	0.00
Sutton in the Isle	2858.203	8	4.6232	3.3323	0.12
Swaffham Bulbeck	1663.448	3	0.6571	0.6571	0.04
Swaffham Prior	1979.596	4	1.1735	1.1735	0.06
Swavesey	1611.242	8	5.2612	3.7264	0.23
Tadlow	683.0525	3	1.8499	1.8499	0.27
Teversham	485.8687	0	0	0	0.00
The Stukeleys	1842.485	2	0.426	0.426	0.02
Thetford	543.3117	1	0.3593	0	0.00
Thorney	8820.849	7	1.8424	1.2298	0.01
Thornhaugh	1096.327	2	0.726	0.0637	0.01
Thriplow	969.802	12	2.1937	0.3441	0.04
Tilbrook	679.0217	5	0.8116	0.8116	0.12
Toft	520.4619	4	0.5497	0.5497	0.11
Toseland	542.1347	0	0	0	0.00
Tydd St Giles	1839.327	3	0.738	0.738	0.04
Ufford	478.86	0	0	0	0.00
Upton	490.849	0	0	0	0.00
Upton and Coppingford	826.1174	1	0.1989	0.1989	0.02
Upwood and the Raveleys	1886.963	6	2.2534	2.2534	0.12
Wansford	158.625	4	0.4629	0	0.00
Warboys	3661.467	5	1.0222	0.6002	0.02
Waresley-cum-Tetworth	1420.358	1	0.2408	0.2408	0.02
Water Newton	357.9085	0	0	0	0.00
Waterbeach	2325.884	19	8.0942	8.0942	0.35
Wentworth	554.0019	0	0	0	0.00
West Wickham	1187.696	3	0.6132	0.1663	0.01
West Wrattling	1433.714	3	1.3009	0	0.00
Westley Waterless	464.235	0	0	0	0.00
Weston Colville	1308.289	0	0	0	0.00



Whaddon	621.7484	3	0.6497	0.4354	0.07
Whittlesey	9014.47	7	0.9773	0.5684	0.01
Whittlesford	810.7827	2	0.4297	0.4297	0.05
Wicken	1601.084	14	2.359	1.3436	0.08
Wilburton	1715.754	25	18.5246	14.0102	0.82
Willingham	1884.166	36	19.1769	16.3306	0.87
Wimblington	3137.666	4	2.0739	2.0739	0.07
Wimpole	1042.9	4	1.3657	1.3657	0.13
Winwick	693.3109	3	1.0667	1.0667	0.15
Wisbech	1884.59	46	58.5126	50.9887	2.71
Wisbech St Mary	3977.992	47	49.9995	42.744	1.07
Wistow	823.7949	0	0	0	0.00
Witcham	1061.325	1	8.0764	8.0764	0.76
Witchford	938.7152	5	2.9224	2.6118	0.28
Wittering	1100.381	1	0.1019	0.1019	0.01
Wood Walton	1966.935	3	0.6055	0.6055	0.03
Woodditton	1929.336	9	3.3966	3.3966	0.18
Woodhurst	581.8467	6	2.3296	2.3296	0.40
Wothorpe	259.807	0	0	0	0.00
Wyton-on-the-Hill	926.4319	3	0.6308	0	0.00
Yaxley	1333.518	6	1.6367	1.6367	0.12
Yelling	746.8422	0	0	0	0.00
Whole county	91028.28	1436	996.3029	737.4534	0.81

Table 3 below ranks the top ten parishes for area of confirmed or possible traditional orchard

Parish	Total Area (ha)	Area of all polygons per parish	Area of polygons excluding NTO	Percentage area of confirmed or possible TO	rank
Coton	398.9297	23.6172	23.5416	5.90	1
Colne	694.1019	36.551	36.551	5.27	2
Bluntisham	965.8831	45.7818	42.6593	4.42	3
Wisbech	1884.59	58.5126	50.9887	2.71	4
Over	1511.767	47.6851	39.7451	2.63	5
Rampton	556.0137	14.951	13.941	2.51	6
Gorefield	1063.114	63.7666	23.5307	2.21	7
Earith	431.1565	13.3103	8.0215	1.86	8
Meldreth	979.1343	27.602	16.4311	1.68	9
Histon	711.2254	9.9916	9.5654	1.34	10

The second part of this report, overleaf, looks at those sites which have been surveyed so far, and which source information they arose from. This provides a measure of how comprehensive the source layers are, and also highlights how many sites were actually found whilst out surveying.

One source which we did not explore, but it is unclear how much it would tell us in addition, was environmental stewardship data, where grants are being paid for orchard maintenance, management and restoration.

Tables 4 and 5 below show the number, proportion and area of sites grouped by the method used to identify the site. The highest proportion of sites originate from the national Traditional Orchard Inventory, but a very significant 15% originate from fieldwork and a similar amount from aerial photography rather than any mapped source.

Table 4, the number of putative and surveyed orchard sites, listed by their outcome status, against the main originating source. This shows that a significant number did not arise from the national inventory layer

Source	count	outcome CO	outcome NTO	outcome PTO	outcome TO	outcome UNK	unsurveyed
Aerial photography	269	0	130	25	33	32	49
Community site	13	13	0	0	0	0	0
Definite inventory	466	0	56	44	217	32	117
Field survey	111	0	0	19	92	0	0
Orchard group	16	0	2	2	8	1	3
OS Orchard data	141	0	29	13	25	5	69
Phase 1	35	0	5	15	1	1	13
Possibles inventory	371	0	82	37	99	32	121

Table 5, the proportion of putative and surveyed orchard sites, listed by their outcome status, against the main originating source.

Source	count	% outcome CO	% Outcome NTO	% Outcome PTO	% Outcome TO
Aerial photography	269	0	48.33	9.29	12.27
Community site	13	100	0.00	0.00	0.00
Definite inventory	466	0	12.02	9.44	46.57
Field survey	111	0	0.00	17.12	82.88
Orchard group	16	0	12.50	12.50	50.00
OS Orchard data	141	0	20.57	9.22	17.73
Phase 1	35	0	14.29	42.86	2.86
Possibles inventory	371	0	22.10	9.97	26.68

## Orchards by District

Table 6 below summarises the parish data in table 2 by district, and shows the importance of South Cambridgeshire and Fenland especially for potential Traditional orchards in the county.

Table 6, the number and area of putative orchard sites by district.

District	Total Area (ha)	Count of sites	Area of all polygons	Area of polygons excluding NTO	Percentage area of confirmed or possible TO
East Cambridgeshire	62685.95	221	115.084	82.1301	0.13
Fenland	54735.53	234	247.8173	160.1207	0.29
Huntingdonshire	91254.99	276	224.2953	169.2446	0.19
Peterborough	36829.49	67	21.7958	14.007	0.04

**Unitary**

<b>South Cambridgeshire</b>	90168.72	626	384.6641	309.3046	0.34
<b>Cambridge City</b>	4069.879	11	2.6464	2.6464	0.07

**Community Plantings**

Several parishes have been or are currently in the process of creating new “traditional” orchards – again usually small sites, but set aside specifically for the community to enjoy, and to be managed along traditional orchard principles. This is particularly strong in south Cambridgeshire, but other parishes, usually those with strong cultural links to orchards as part of the employment and land use heritage of the parish.

The list of parishes is below:

Alconbury	Horningsea	Sawston (2 sites)
Cambourne	Landbeach	Shepreth
Downham	Lolworth	St Ives
Girton	Cambridge City (2 sites)	Toft
Great Gransden	Oakington and Westwick	Waterbeach (3 sites)
Heydon	Rampton	Whittlesford
Histon	Reach	Wilburton

**Summary Statement**

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough still has traditional orchard scattered across the county, but nearly all sites are very small. The highest proportions of land deemed to be traditional orchard are in South Cambridgeshire parishes and in Fenland parishes, areas where commercial orchards are also still to be found. Very few habitat inventories are ground-truthed at 75%, the proportion here, so we believe this to be a significant resource of information for the future. However, further survey work could be done to improve the inventory further. A small but significant proportion of traditional orchards, especially either garden sites or remnants which have been abandoned, were found during survey visits to other sites. Although uncommon, there are a significant number of parishes creating new orchards, to be managed as traditional orchards for the future, usually with fruit varieties specific to the area or parish.

Evidence collated during this project suggests that many sites which were previously traditional orchard have been lost or abandoned, and there is much anecdotal evidence to suggest that many of the current sites are still under threat from development and other land use changes.