

## Carnstabba Community Orchard Report 2013

CCO was set up after six months of negotiating with Steeple Woods, St Ives Town Council and Cornwall Council to plant the trees coming out of Avalon Dinas on the site in St Ives.

We hosted an evening for community involvement before the planting happened. We were overwhelmed by the support and interest in planting fruit trees on the site. There were over 20 people in attendance, the eldest was in her eighties and told us about how there were orchards on the Fire Station site (just below the play park) many years ago and the youngest was two year old.

Five people came up and helped dig up the trees from the Avalon Dinas site. We also had extra help delivering the trees to St Ives although mostly they went in the back of mine and Lesleys small, but tardis like, cars.

We held 2 weekends of planting in February which was very successful especially in terms of people who attended. We had 25 people on the first Saturday and planted most of the trees. Turn was good for the Sunday. We also had a final planting on the following Sunday where our best volunteers were some young boys who had a great time clearing and planting trees with us.

Our partner at Cornwall Council, Rachael Young, has arranged two days of work with students from Exeter University's Tremough campus for some spring volunteering work. We are also arranging for St Ives Green Gym to come weekly to help manage the site.

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