

Hill Close Gardens Orchard



Apples

The apples are a wonderful feature of the Gardens and are now fruiting well after being brought back to fruit bearing after years of neglect. August saw the 'Beauty of Bath' and the 'King of the Pippens' and many of the 63 different varieties in the Gardens ripening in September. The russet 'Golden Knob' is one of the last to be gathered and needs to be kept for a few weeks before it is ready to eat.

Apple Day in October is the highlight of the fruit season and a time to taste and buy some of the more unusual varieties.



Newton Wonder Red



Arthur Turner



James Grieve

Pears

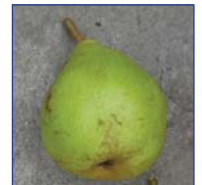
Although the selection of pears cannot match that of the apples, it is just as interesting. Everyone knows the 'Conference' and the 'Comice' but what about 'Louise, Bonne de Jersey', or 'Pitmaston Duchess', or 'Marie Louise'? And then there's 'Beurre de Jongue', 'Bussoch', and an 'unknown' variety on plot 19.

Locations

Beurre Hardy	Plots 12 & 25
Bussoch	Plot 24
Conference	Plots 18, 19 & 25
Doyenne du Comice	Plot 31
Louise, Bonne de Jersey	Plot 22
Marie Louise	Plot 25
Pitmaston Duchess	Plot 22
Unknown	Plot 23
William's Bon Cretien	Plots 16 & 22
Worcester Black Pear	Plot 18



Plot 24: Bussoch



Plot 25: Marie Louise



Plot 22: Louise Bonne de Jersey



Plot 19: Unknown



Plot 22: Pitmaston Duchess



Plot 25: Beurre de Jongue



Plots 18,19,25: Conference