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## Community Orchards and Mini Forests: **FUNDING AVAILABLE**

Funding has been secured from the Coronation Living Heritage Fund for new Community Orchards and Mini Forests across Worcestershire.

The Scheme is open to parishes and community groups who can apply for advice, trees, guards and other materials from the County Council's Countryside Service. The scheme is very much aimed at community involvement with volunteers, Tree Wardens, schools and local groups being given the opportunity to get involved.

**Community Orchards** are a wonderful asset to any neighbourhood, celebrating Worcestershire's great orchard heritage as well as bringing blossom and local fruit into the heart of your community. Orchards can be any size from 5 trees upwards. There is even a government whitepaper on the subject, please see: [Community orchards - How to guide](#).

**Mini Forests** are a new way of establishing native trees that originated in Japan and consists of densely planting native saplings in a small space which grow quickly and establish micro forest habitats ideally suited to urban or built up areas. Please see: [The Miyawaki Method | Trees Outside Woodland](#).

If you have any suitable sites in your locality, then The Countryside Greenspace Team welcome enquiries at: [communitygreenspace@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:communitygreenspace@worcestershire.gov.uk) or call **01905 844 946**.

