



**KELSO HERITAGE SOCIETY
PROPOSED
COMMUNITY ORCHARD ARCHAEOLOGICAL
EXCAVATIONS**

The archaeological investigations which are required prior to our creating a community orchard at Mayfield in Kelso will take place in September. Significant funding has been awarded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund to enable this work to proceed.

In conjunction with Clyde Archaeology and The Heritage Hub, Hawick Kelso Heritage Society are offering three events –

- **Medieval Mapping Workshop - 26th August 2019**
Kelso Library Contact Centre, Bowmont Street, Kelso
Two sessions – morning 10.00 - 12.00 & afternoon 14.00 – 16.00
A short presentation on the use of historic mapping in archaeological and historical research hosted by staff from the Heritage Hub, Hawick.
After a brief introduction the attendees will be split into two smaller groups allowing hands on use of maps to identify for themselves places of interest.
The number of places is limited and booking is essential. See below for full booking details.
- **On site Excavations – 25th - 28th September 2019**
Proposed Community Orchard, Mayfield, Kelso
This stage will take the form of digging test pits on the site, basically in the area where each tree will be planted. We are looking for volunteers to work alongside the archaeologists to dig the test pits and record the findings. The Volunteers will work from 10.00am to 3.00pm each day with a 30-45 minutes lunch break. The archaeologists will brief the volunteers prior to commencing work. All necessary tools, gloves etc. will be provided. Stout footwear and suitable clothing is essential. Booking is essential. See below for full booking details.
- **Open Event – Saturday 19th October 2019, 14.00-16.00**
Cross Keys Hotel Kelso
An open meeting will be held on Saturday 19th October 2019 drawing together all the work undertaken so far - geophysics survey, mapping workshop and trial pit excavation. This will include a short presentation/discussion on the results of the fieldwork, an overview of heritage fruit growing and monastic gardening and how both of these could influence the design and aspirations of the community orchard. This will also be a useful context for reflecting on how community growing projects respond to climate change projections. In addition there will be an opportunity to visit the Orchard site for a further discussion focusing on how the orchard could incorporate and reflect the heritage of the area in a contemporary setting.

Depending on the outcome of the survey The Heritage Society wishes to encourage the local community to take part in maintaining the orchard by sponsoring/adopting the trees or contributing their time. The ultimate aim is to have picnic benches and tables there to encourage the local community to use the space. The Apple Orchard will form a small link between Kelso's monastic past and its environmentally sustainable future.

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BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS

EVENT	VENUE	BOOKING	CONTACT DETAILS
<p>Medieval Mapping Workshop - Monday 26th August 2019 2 sessions - 10am - 12 noon 2pm - 4pm</p>	<p>Kelso Library Contact Centre, Bowmont Street, Kelso TD5 7JH</p>	<p>Essential due to limited numbers</p>	<p>Telephone number - 01450 360699</p>
<p>On site Excavations - Wednesday - Saturday 25th - 28th September 10am - 3pm Each Day</p>	<p>Glebe Lane Mayfield Kelso</p>	<p>Essential - up to 8 volunteers per day</p>	<p>Telephone number - 01573 224951</p>
<p>Open Event - Saturday 19th October 2019 2pm - 4pm</p>	<p>Oak Room Cross Keys Hotel Kelso</p>	<p>Open Meeting - All Welcome</p>	

Riona McMorro, Acting Head of The National Lottery Heritage Fund Scotland, said: "Engaging the community in investigating the rich archaeological heritage of Kelso Abbey and Lands is a great project as it shows clearly how local heritage can be a catalyst for lots of different activities and bring people together behind a common purpose.

The National Lottery Heritage Fund is pleased to support Kelso Heritage Society in its plans to enable people to enjoy the history on their own doorstep."

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