

Proposed Kelso Orchard -

Messages of Support from General Public 20 November 2017

1. 18/06/2017

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

What a splendid letter and a great proposal. Planting trees is good for our environment and fruit trees will give something back to the community by way of produce.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

2. 18/06/2017

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 18 June 2017 09:26

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Friends of Kelso Museum - Proposed Name Change

Dear [REDACTED]

As you are aware, I am fully supportive of the proposal to change the name of the society to Kelso Heritage Society - not least since we have no museum and little hope of securing one in the near future, given the current situation as regards funding and support from S.B.C. The new name will allow the society to develop more broadly the scope of its activities. I also like the idea of the community orchard. It would provide an interesting addition to our riverside park area which is already one of the best attractions of our town. Hopefully, we can get other organisations apart from ourselves involved in maintaining and developing this community initiative.

Regards

[REDACTED]

3. 24/06/2017 [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Date: 24 June 2017 at 16:57:36 BST
To: <info@kelsoheritagesociety.co.uk>
Subject: Community orchard

Hi [REDACTED]

Just writing in support of planting a community orchard, it's a great idea and i would be happy to help with planting and maintaining it with other volunteers. It would be great if organic growing principles could be used and if there could be small areas of wildflowers with mown paths through. Terrific that it sympathetically reflects the history of the site. Would definitely enhance the area.

Ps my mother, sister and husband also love the idea.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

4. 25/06/2017 [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 June 2017 22:01
To: info@kelsoheritagesociety.co.uk
Subject: The proposed Kelso Abbey Community Orchard

Dear [REDACTED]

I have just read in Kelso Life the interesting piece about the proposed community orchard. I think it is a great idea to plant a community orchard.

However, I have a reservation about the site. Is the earmarked piece of land on the right hand side or the left hand side of the road as one goes down to the Mayfield car park by the river? If it is the land on the right hand side it might just avoid the problem I am about to raise if the trees are well enough back from the road. If it is the land on the left hand side I think there could be a problem as there is moving traffic, including heavy lorries, on 3 out of its four sides. There is less lead in petrol these days but there are other particulates that make it undesirable to harvest food from roadsides. For instance I would never gather blackberries from a roadside. Also, there is a good deal of salt thrown up by vehicles when the roads have been gritted in the winter.

I am not a scientist, but forty five years married to one has left its mark. My husband would have been able to give you sound advice if he were still alive.

In either case, whether the land in question is on the left or the right as one goes down the lane to Mayfield, it would be wise to be in touch with Defra, or with someone at SBC if they can give that kind of advice.

Finally, 30 to 40 trees seems a lot for a small piece of land. Even dwarf root stock, which is convenient for pruning and harvesting, easily grows to two and a half metres in the soil round here.

With all good wishes for the venture

[REDACTED]

5. 01/07/2017 [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 July 2017 19:41
To: info@kelsoheritagesociety.co.uk
Subject: Kelso Abbey Community Orchard

Dear [REDACTED]

I read your piece about this proposal in Kelso Life.

I think it is an excellent idea and makes use of land, which is not of very much use or ornament at present.

I am a landscape architect (retired) and would be happy to be involved with the project.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

6. 02/07/2017 [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 July 2017 18:31
To: info@kelsoheritagesociety.co.uk
Subject: Kelso community orchard

Having read, in Kelso Life, about the proposal to plant an orchard at the foot of Mayfield Lane, we felt we must write in support of the plan.

It is a brilliant idea particularly as it is on the site of the old Monastery Orchard, plus it will help absorb pollution from the number of vehicles that visit the garden Centre these days.

Too many trees get destroyed to enable building, so reducing the greenery in many area. The idea that it is to be a Community Orchard can be used to help educate children and also bring people together

[REDACTED]

7. 25/06/2017 [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 June 2017 15:28
To: Kelso Heritage Society <info@kelsoheritagesociety.co.uk>
Subject: Re: Kelso Community Orchard

Hello [REDACTED]

You are very welcome to the strimmer. If you are needing to put together a list of stuff, I can volunteer the use of loppers, secateurs, spades, forks, a pick and a sprayer. I planted some apples when we arrived here, so I've got all this stuff. I'd be very happy to help in any other way, either now or when the planting needs done.

Is the grant from the council a certainty or is more evidence of support needed? I was wondering about Borders Organic Gardeners, the community orchard in Earlston or Borders Forest Trust. Also, have you applied to any other funding body?

Again, please let me know if I can help.

Best wishes,



NOTE:- [REDACTED] has also actively contacted other local groups involved with orchards such as BOG, Crailing Orchard, Greener Melrose and the Earlston Orchard Group and has provided contact details.