



Cherry Tree Sponsorship



Sponsor a Traditional Cherry Tree for £200

There are few sights as beautiful as a cherry tree in blossom. Orchards of these delightful trees were once common in the Chilterns but they are dying out. So, as part of our mission to recreate the built and natural landscape of the area, the Museum is creating a new cherry orchard. As part of this exciting project, we are giving a unique opportunity to supporters and friends to sponsor individual cherry trees.

Saving Cherry Species at Risk

Research carried out as preparation for the Cherry Orchard has given added impetus to the Museum to plant the orchard as we have discovered that **it will have a critical role in safeguarding the future of some of these nearly lost varieties of fruit**. There are too few locations in the country where collections of these trees are being held and some species are at high risk.

The Museum has therefore set aside the land of around one acre as an area large enough to nurture a specimen of each of the varieties of cherry that are held by specialist nursery 'Bernwode Plants', including some of these varieties that are as yet un-named, by which means we would be holding a complete reserve collection of all the cherry varieties known in the country. The orchard is planned for planting by Spring 2010.

