

# Trees: The Untapped Agricultural Asset

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Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2010

North Wyke Research

10.00am to 4.30pm

This meeting brings together a number of experts to look at various practical options for combining trees and food production. The event will examine ways of working with both new and established trees to optimise economic, environmental and social benefits. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions as to why and how and address the practicalities of setting up or making better use of the trees on your farm. There will be an opportunity to visit the woodland resources and research facility at North Wyke.

## ***The Programme***

### In the morning

Welcome to North Wyke	Prof. Les Firbank, Head of North Wyke
Introduction	Lois Philipps, Duchy College
Review of current knowledge	Jo Smith, Organic Research Centre, Elm Farm
Planting new Orchards	Stella Cubison, Garden Organic
Social & Educational Benefits	Richard Irvine, Wembworthy Education Centre
Wood fuel	Speaker to be confirmed
A farmer perspective	Stephen Briggs, Abacus Organic Associates
Policy and funding	Speakers to be confirmed

Panel Discussion followed by lunch

### In the afternoon

Tour of facilities, including:

Site 1 North Wyke Agroforestry, with Nigel Titchen North Wyke Research

Site 2 Buffer Zones and Wood Chip Corals

Site 3 Willow and Ken's Meadow