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Orchard Tree Pruning Courses

The Blue Remembered Hills project is offering free places on two courses on how to prune your fruit trees, in particular apples and pears (but not 'stone fruits').

The first course, **Formation Pruning**, concentrates on how to make young trees develop into well-shaped and productive ones. This will be held at the Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre, Craven Arms on Tuesday 6 November from 10am to 1pm.

The second course, **Restoration Pruning**, concentrates on how to encourage large, old and neglected trees to live longer and be productive again. This will be held at an orchard west of Bishop's Castle on Tuesday 6 November from 2 to 5pm.

The course tutor will be Paul Davies from Dolau-Hirion Nursery, Llandeilo – an expert on fruit tree pruning. Only one person per family may book course places by contacting John Tucker, Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership, on 01588 – 674 092 or john.tucker@shropshire-cc.gov.uk

John Tucker, Wildlife Sites Officer for the project said *“Close to the end of the project we have managed to find the money to put on a couple of extra pruning courses. They were very popular in the past are we are delighted to be able to offer this final opportunity to train with Paul Davies.”*

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Editors Notes:

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The Blue Remembered Hills project, developed by the Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership, is a major 5 year Heritage Lottery project to involve people in protecting key landscape features in and around the Shropshire Hills AONB.

The Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) is one of 41 AONBs in England & Wales. This designation is recognition of the national value of the area's landscape, and brings duties on local authorities to conserve and enhance its natural beauty.

The management of the AONB is guided by a statutory Management Plan produced by the Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership which comprises 5 local authorities, 31 other organisations and independent community members. The AONB staff team are funded by the Countryside Agency and the local authorities, and work with others to implement the AONB Management Plan. Shropshire County Council manages the AONB Office.
