

Beautiful blossoms

It's blossom time so we've put together some of the best places to find spring blossom around the Hills and Commons.

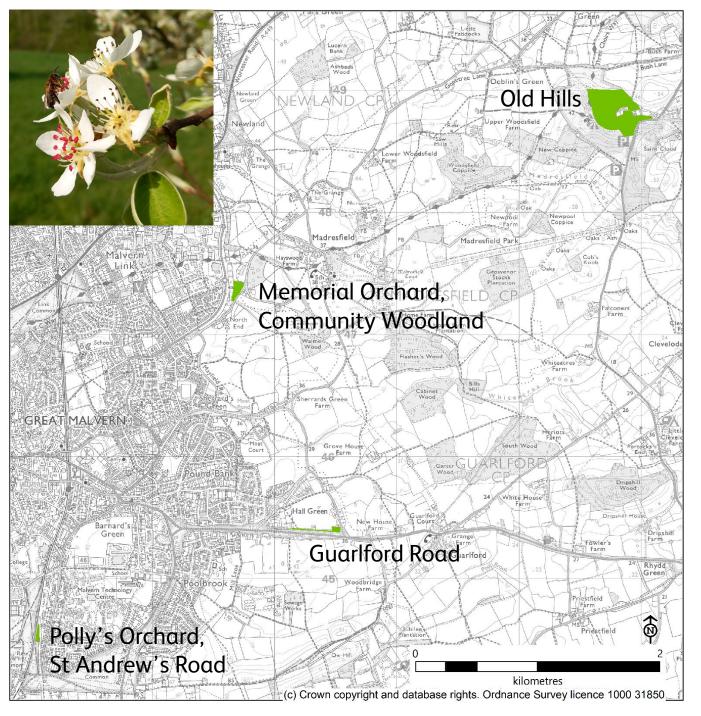
Blossom is important for pollinators and adds splashes of colour to the landscape in spring.

Did you know that 90% of traditional orchards have been lost since the 1950s? (<u>PTES 2021</u>).

The trees and orchards featured here are cared for by the Malvern Hills Trust. You may find orchards and blossom elsewhere around the Malvern Hills and Commons landscape.

Old Hills, Callow End

https://what3words.com/motivates.cyber.spooned Amongst the valuable scrub habitats and open meadows you'll find scattered fruit trees including crab apples. The trees provide lots of food for local wildlife in the autumn.



Memorial Orchard, Community Woodland

https://what3words.com/minute.item.dogs

The orchard at the Community Woodland is full of local fruit varieties. An information board at the orchard describes the varieties for you to discover. Many of the trees here were planted as memorials. Benches here offer a place to stop and admire the orchard.



Guarlford Road

https://what3words.com/urban.conducted.visit A number of mature pear trees can be found near to the junction of Chance Lane and Guarlford Road. Walking westwards you'll find individual fruit trees along the hedgerow in blossom.

Polly's Orchard, St Andrew's Road

https://what3words.com/gone.liner.kinks

This is a newly restored plum orchard. In the winter of 2021/22, 10 new plum trees were planted here by volunteers from the Colwall Orchard Group on the site of an old plum orchard thanks to funding from the Forestry Commission's Tree Challenge Fund. A further two trees were planted in the winter of 2022/23 in memorium. The orchard is named after Polly Cartland (mother of author Barbara Cartland) who lived locally and was a key figure in the community. Benches here offer a place to stop and rest with fantastic views up to the Malvern Hills.

Find out more about the Colwall Orchard Group here: <u>https://Colwallorchardgroup.org/</u>



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