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Schoolchildren Plant Fruit Trees At Glamis Castle Orchard

Youngsters from Glamis Primary School planted ten fruit trees at Glamis Castle Yew Walk Orchard as the first planting of the Angus Orchards Project.

A further 50 trees will be planted at various Angus school locations during phase one of the project, which is funded by Seedcorn, a Forestry Commission grant. Future phases will see a total number of 333 trees planted in 65 orchards by the year 2012.

Planting was done under the supervision of Fred Conacher, Angus Council countryside ranger and tree officer, and Alan Beedie, Strathmore Estates head gardener.

The trees will include many apple varieties of traditional and local origin, with cherry and walnut trees used for the bigger spaces. Local varieties chosen for the planting include Oslin and Seaton House from Arbroath; Tower of Glamis from Glamis; Lass o' Gowrie from Perthshire; Port Allen Russet from Errol; Bloody Ploughman from the Carse of Gowrie and Hood's Supreme from Edzell.

Angus Council Convener of Neighbourhood Services Jim Millar said:

"This is an interesting and worthwhile project and I'm delighted that local children are involved with the planting at Glamis Castle orchard.

"There are educational and physical health benefits for the participating people, and a lasting legacy of healthy eating for those in the future. Wildlife will also benefit from the fruit, associated insects and shelter from the orchards."

Angus Orchards project is a partnership involving Angus Environmental Trust, Angus Council and the Forestry Commission Scotland.