

Global ICCA Database
New Ash Green Community Orchard, United Kingdom

Basic data

Site Name (in local language and in English)	New Ash Green Community Orchard
Country (include State and Province)	Longfield, Kent, England
Area encompassed by the CCA (specify unit of measurement).	
GIS Coordinates (if available)	
Whether it includes sea areas (Yes or no)	No
Whether it includes freshwater (Yes or no)	No
Marine (Y or N)	No
Concerned community (name and approx. number of persons)	New Ash Green Woodlands Group, 7-50? Population of NAG
Is the community considering itself an indigenous people? (Please note Yes or No; if yes note which people)	No
Is the community considering itself a minority? (Please note Yes or No, if yes on the basis of what, e.g. religion, ethnicity)	No
Is the community permanently settled? (Please note Yes or No; if the community is mobile, does it have a customary transhumance territory?)	Yes
Is the community local per capita income inferior, basically the same or superior to national value? (please note how confident you are about the information)	No- confidently- most members own their own houses
Is the CCA recognised as a protected area by governmental agencies? (Yes or no; if yes, how? If no, is it otherwise recognized?) If yes, legal document? Establishment date?	No
Conflicts with land tenure, natural resource use?	The current land tenure situation in New Ash Green has been satisfactory to the Woodlands Group. Mr. Ash of the group does not feel that there are any immediate threats to the orchard other than the age of the trees, which require special care to maintain their health and fruit production. The New Ash Green Woodlands Group has developed the orchard primarily as a community space where people are a part of the landscape. As such, most conservation designations could create conflict relating to ideas of practical management of the orchard ground flora. Because the community owns the orchard and has complete power in deciding whether or not the orchard has a conservation designation, their choice not to designate the orchard has

	resulted in a situation with few conflicts over natural resource use.
What is the main management objective (e.g. livelihood, cultural, spiritual...)	Cultural
By definition, a CCA fulfils a management objective. To which IUCN management category ¹ do you consider it would best fit (this does not imply that the management objective is consciously pursued by the concerned community, but that it is actually achieved)	Category V Protected Landscape or Seascape

Additional qualitative information

Main ecosystem type	Orchard / Woodland pasture
Description of biodiversity & resources (ecosystems, species, functions) conserved by the CCA	Bird life, plant species, abundant and diverse insect and lichen populations. agrobiodiversity
Description of local ethnic groups and languages spoken	English
Broad historical context of the CCA	The trees in the orchard are estimated to be 80 years old, however the exact date of their planting is unknown. The Community Group was formed around restoring the orchard in 2004, following receiving grant funding from Living Spaces. The community group has continued to evolve and now works on projects in the orchard as well as a surrounding woodland all of which is owned by the Village Association which is paid into by all village residents.
Governance structure for the CCA (who takes management decisions, how?)	The NAG woodlands group
Length of time the governance model has been in place	4 years
Land and resource ownership in the CCA	NAG Village Association
Type of land use in the CCA	Rambling, scrumping, teaching, learning, wildlife watching, educational walks, cultural traditions (beating the bounds, bonfire nights, Apple day)
Existence of written or oral management plans and specific rules for the use of natural resources in the CCA	Plans made by core group of 10 community members
Map and zoning of the CCA (please attach if available and relevant,)	
Relevant pictures with captions (please attach if available)	
Major threats to biodiversity and/or the CCA governance system	None currently perceived by the community. Previous problems with motorcyclists/vandalism
Local CCA-relevant features, stories, names,	

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