



## *The St James Village Orchard Project*

### **MANAGEMENT SKILLS & EXPERIENCE**

The St James Orchard Project Management Committee members, the founders of the project, have varied and complimentary skills and backgrounds particularly suited to the establishment and future management of the orchard and to ensure its connection with the local and wider community. Among the collective experience:

- Two are retired farmers with extensive experience and knowledge of food production and land management and with excellent knowledge of the local area and climate
- One is an expert in local geography and its wildlife, flora and fauna
- Two have lengthy experience in the voluntary sector including past and present chairmanship of a large, local voluntary organisation. In addition, four of the committee are trustees of a variety of local charities and voluntary organisations
- One is a management consultant with many years board-level business experience and a specialist background in large-scale project and programme delivery
- Three are qualified teachers experienced in primary, secondary and further education and in working with and chairing educational bodies and other voluntary sector organisations including the care community
- One is a food writer and professional cook who was a co-founder and board member of the local c.i.c village shop in the nearby village of Metfield and who is also the area tree warden with excellent connections with the relevant departments of local councils
- Two are: the chairperson and secretary of the management committee of St James Village Hall, the other significant village amenity, who both have experience in the successful submission and management of grant-aided projects and will enable strong cross-linking of other local activities with the orchard project.
- One is a qualified social worker with experience within in the local area and in working with the local authority.