

# Reviving the Lost Orchards of Forres

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# Spare Ground ?



Bank Lane



Leys Road

North Road



# Leask Road Car Park, then and now

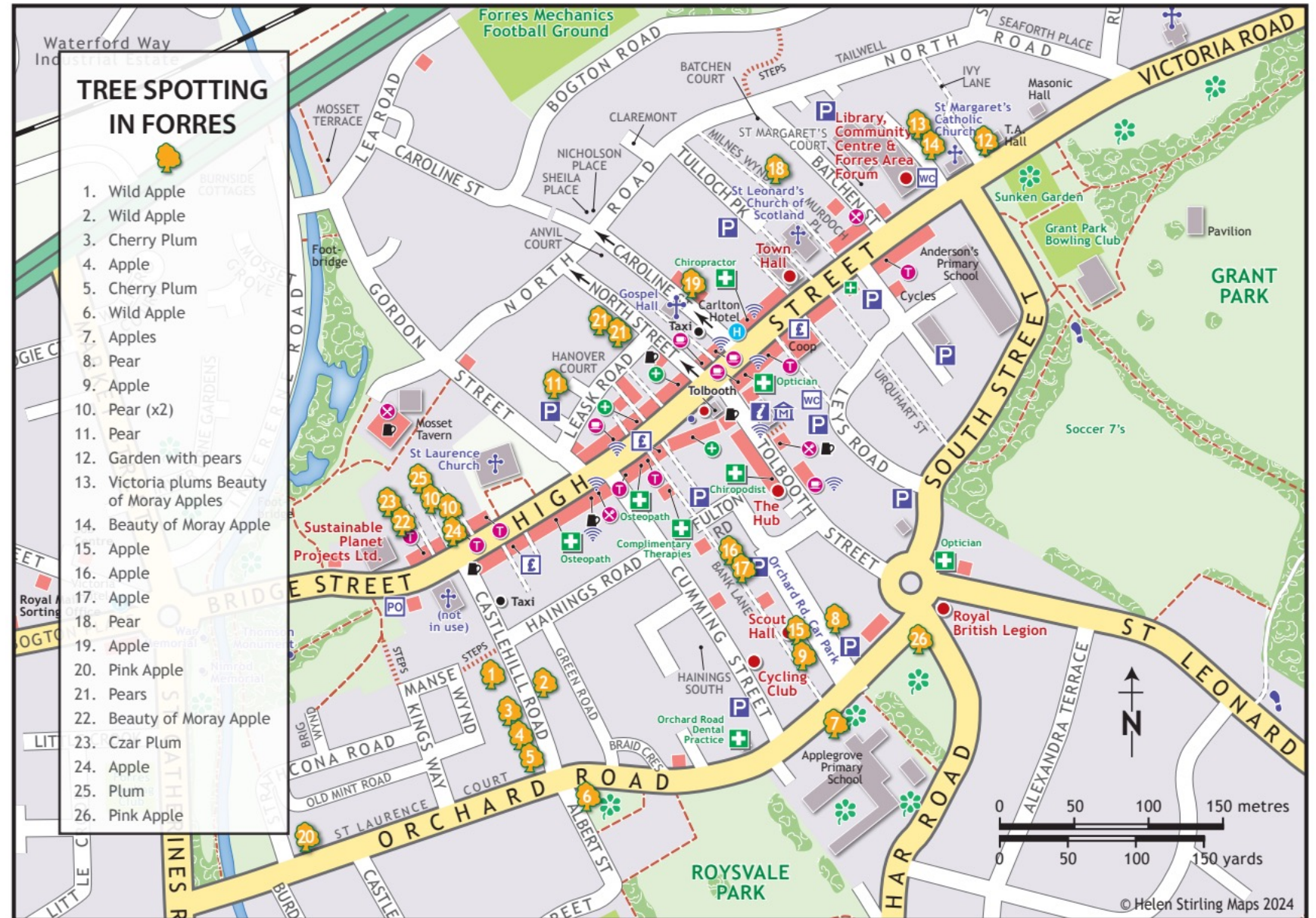


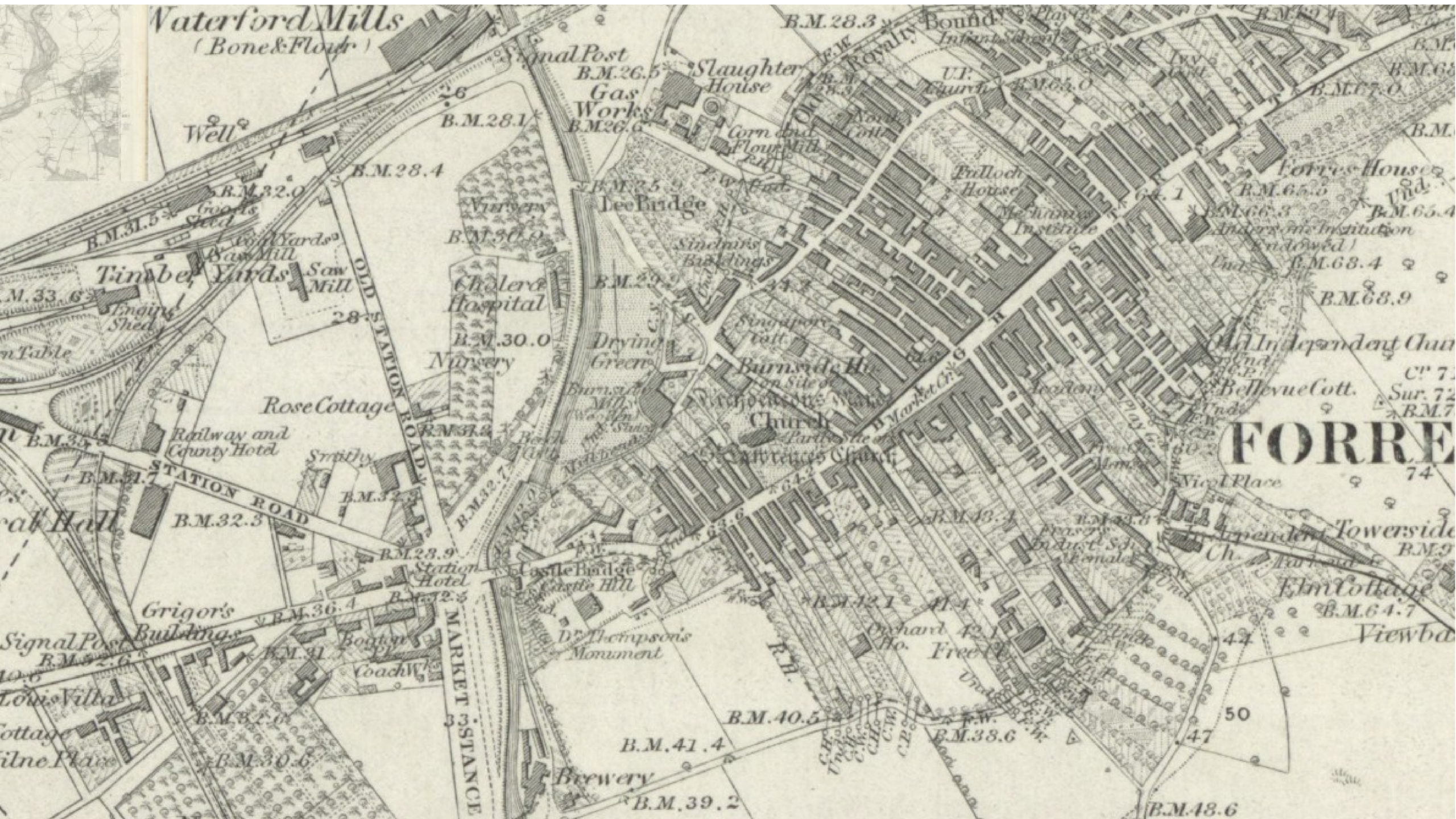
Braeside garden, Gordon St.  
1951. Forres Heritage trust  
(FHT)

One of the surviving Pear trees  
at the side of the car park



# Old Fruit trees around the town centre







Opposite St Laurence Church the gardens extend down to Orchard Road. Scotty's Farm fields can be seen just behind Castlehill Church.

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# The Area around St. Laurence Church

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In this photograph the 'backlands' behind the premises on the High Street can be seen to extend down to North Road. Singapore House stands out, surrounded by gardens.



Circa 1966. FHT



FORRES, N.B.  
The Studio  
J. W. Henry



**Do you know what  
these fruits are?**



BLUE PEARMAIN



ROXBURY RUSSET



ASHMEAD'S KERNEL



RHODE ISLAND GREENING



RIBSTON PIPPIN



YELLOW TRANSPARENT



LADY APPLE



GRAVENSTEIN



BELLE DE BOSKOOP



ANANAS REINETTE



REINE DES REINETTE



BLACK OXFORD



|    |                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |      |   |   |                                          |                                                                             |
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| 2  | Blue Sage         | Azure Hative<br>Black Perdrigon<br>Coe's Blue Sage<br>Early Blue                                                                                                                                                                       | D.K. | 2 | 1 | dark purple                              | Co...                                                                       |
| 3  | The Gar (Rivers') | Gar (Rivers')<br>" (The Rivers')                                                                                                                                                                                                       | D.K. | 2 | 1 | dark purple                              | very tart, heavy crop<br>late round, dark purple                            |
| 4  | Coe's Golden Drop | Bury Seedling<br>Coe's<br>" Imperial<br>Fair's Golden Drop<br>Golden Drop<br>" Gage<br>Black Diamond<br>" Kentish Diamond<br>" Mogul                                                                                                   | D.   | 1 | 1 | Yellow                                   | at, A most valuable                                                         |
| 5  | Diamond           | Black Diamond<br>" Kentish Diamond<br>" Mogul                                                                                                                                                                                          | H.   | 1 | 1 | dark purple                              | right orange to lemon<br>aromed, and hang                                   |
| 6  | Early Orleans     | Grimwood Early Orleans<br>Hampden Court-<br>Monsieur Hative<br>" " de Montmorency<br>New Orleans<br>Orleans New<br>" " Black or New<br>" " Next, or Early<br>Wilmot's Early<br>" " Orleans<br>" " Orleans                              | D.K. | 2 | 1 | reddish purple                           | val, very large, skin ab<br>fresh reddish purple with<br>copper, but tender |
| 7  | Gisborne's        | Gisborne's Early                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | H.   | 2 | 1 | Yellow                                   | roundish-oval, yellow                                                       |
| 8  | Green Gage        | Paterson's<br>Abricot Vert-<br>Alrose's Green Gage<br>Bradford Green Gage<br>Brigman Green Gage<br>Dundas Vert-<br>Dauphine<br>Sorling's Golden Gage<br>Great Green Dauphine<br>Grosse Reine<br>Ida Green Gage<br>Isleworth Green Gage | D    | 2 | 1 | green-yellow<br>also green<br>also green | round, greenish yellow<br>The best Dessert                                  |
| 9  | Grand Duke        | Grand Duke (Rivers')                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | D.K. | 1 | 1 | dark purple                              | oval, dark purple                                                           |
| 10 | Hulme's           | Hulme's                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | D.   | 1 | 1 | dark purple                              | roundish-oval, greenish                                                     |

Some of the fruit varieties listed in a local Nurseryman's Catalogue, 1926. 93 Pear, 211 Apple, 23 peach, 10 Apricot, 25 cherry and 59 plum varieties to choose from!

# Heirloom Fruits

# Dallas Dhu House Orchard Map



# Get Involved!

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- Tell us about your involvement with the orchards in Forres, memories/ stories.
- Tell us if you have an orchard you would like us to record (more than 5 trees)
- Tell us if you know of any old fruit varieties we could preserve.
- [RLOoF@sustainableplanetprojects.com](mailto:RLOoF@sustainableplanetprojects.com)
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