



OLD FRUIT TREES

Old Apple Trees

These Apple Trees are like good old friends, stable, reliable but a bit quirky with bags of character and a fruity sense of humour! They'll add a certain aura of bygone days to a garden and will bring with them their own evidence of years of skilled husbandry.

Note: It is worth bearing in mind that our Old Fruit trees are primarily used to create an 'old orchard' effect rather than functional picking orchards with a large range of varieties.

Approximate Dimensions:

Trunk 60/70cm tall Total Height 220/250cm Span 200cm

Trees available: Apple Elstar 20/30cm girth, Apple Rode Boskoop 25-35cm girth, Apple Rode Boskoop 40-45cm girth.



Old Plum Trees

Plum trees are generally easy to look after and make a welcome addition to any orchard. Plum Opal is self-fertile and whilst the trees will do best in a sunny spot they are well able to tolerate harsh winter weather.

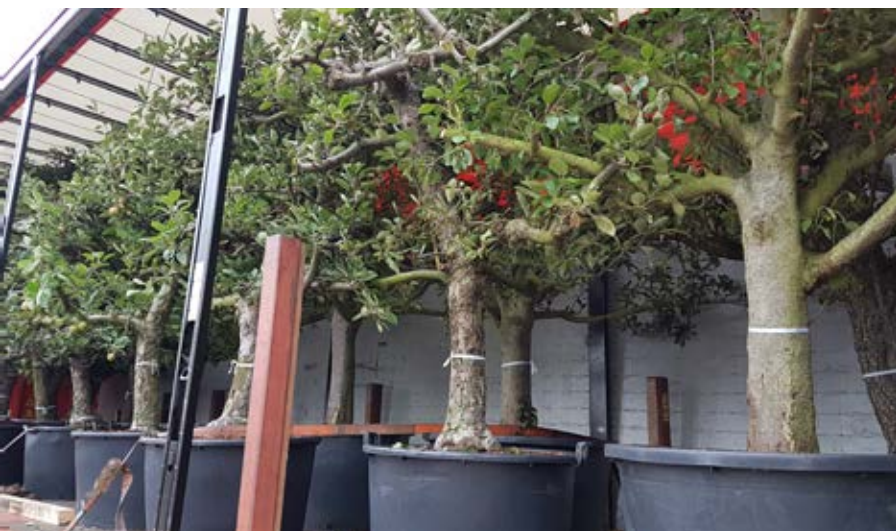
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Trunk 60/70cm tall

Total Height 220/250cm

Span 200cm

Trees available: Plum Opal 40cm+ girth.



Old Pear Trees

The fissured and rough bark of our old Pear Trees make them one of the most characterful options we're listing here. Most will be approaching 50 years old and with their knobbly branches and thickset trunks they look like the venerable worthies that they are.

Approximate Dimensions:

Trunk 60/70cm tall

Total Height 220/250cm

Span 200cm

Trees available: Pear Conference 50/60cm girth, Pear Doyenne du Comice 40/50cm girth, Pear Doyenne du Comice 70cm+ girth.



Old Espalier Pear Trees

Planted up against a wall these superb espaliers give the impression that they were placed there in generations past. The years of skilled pruning clearly shows and their presence will add something to a property in a way that nothing else can.

Customer comment: 'Kingsdown were so easy to deal with – quick to respond, attentive and their prices really competitive... the Espaliered Pears arrived in perfect condition despite their stately years and instantly looked at home leaning against the old barn, as though it had always been so.'

Approximate Dimensions:

Height – up to 250cm *Width* – up to 250cm

Trees available: Pear Conference 50/60cm girth, Pear Doyenne du Comice 70/80cm girth, Pear Doyenne du Comice 80cm + girth.



Old Grape Vines

Perfect for pergolas, patios or for training along a sunny old wall these quirky, gnarled vines will immediately look the part and provide juicy crops of fruit into the bargain.

Trees – subject to availability: Vitis vinifera Boskoop Glory, Cardinal, Italia, Moscato D'Amburgo, Regina Nera - to name a few.

Girth sizes from 20cm to 50cm available.



Old Fig Trees

From the bleak and wild mountains of Israel to cosy English courtyards, Figs are found thriving in all sorts of environments and producing heavy crops of delicious fruit. Although the bark of Figs is smooth and they lack the aged appearance of most of our living antiques they are nevertheless available as impressively large trees with substantial trunks and spreading heads.

Approximate Dimensions:

Trunk 70/90cm tall

Total Height 225cm +

Trees available: *Ficus carica* 'Brown Turkey' - girth sizes range from 30cm to 70cm.



Old Mulberry Trees

Mulberry trees are quite at home in Britain, in fact they've lived here since Roman times and have enjoyed royal associations since the early 17th century, when James I set about establishing a silk industry to rival that of France, Italy and Spain. Silk worms feed primarily on White Mulberry leaves but James didn't know that and his great plans went sadly awry when he ordered and planted 10,000 Black Mulberries by mistake. It is actually possible that some of the 'Royal trees' may still exist, as Mulberries are extremely long lived.

There's nothing quite like a Black Mulberry. When properly ripe they are unusually juicy and the sudden burst of intense flavour almost takes you by surprise. White Mulberry trees are nowhere near as prolific fruit bearers as Black Mulberries but the very old specimens shown in the pictures below do make for an interesting feature in the garden.

Approximate Dimensions: Varies according to girth.

Trees available: Morus alba 100/120cm girth, Morus nigra from 20 to 50cm girth.



Old Pomegranate Trees

Our Old Pomegranates are a charming addition to Living Antiques and bring with them a touch of Mediterranean ambience. Despite their association with warmer climes, Pomegranates are surprisingly hardy and do well in most parts of the UK, though they will prefer a sheltered spot.

Approximate Dimensions:

Trunk height and total height tend to vary according to girth size.

We can advise on this at quotation stage.

Trees available: *Punica granatum* - girth sizes range from 30cm to 70cm or more.



Old Cherry Trees

The wild cherry (*Prunus avium*) has an indigenous range extending through most of Europe, western Asia and areas of north Africa. Almost certainly the fruit of this tree was consumed and therefore the culinary use of Cherries must reach far back into the mists of antiquity. The roman conqueror, Lucius Licinius Lucullus is recorded to have brought cultivated cherries back to Rome from Turkey in 72 BC and trees were later introduced to England by the order of Henry VIII who tasted (and obviously enjoyed) them in Flanders. As the images show, our Old Cherries are substantial trees and will make a pretty and useful addition to your design.

Approximate Dimensions:

Trunk 70/90cm tall Total Height 225cm +

Trees – subject to availability: Cherry Bigarreau Burlat, Napoleon, Moreau, Coeur de Pigeon, to name a few. Girth sizes range from 18cm to 30cm or more.



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