

# MEGGINCH CASTLE ORCHARD EXPERIENCE, SCOTLAND'S APPLE HERITAGE, RESTORED AND GROWING FROM 90 TREES TO 1,400 AND THE STORY OF HOW IT HAPPENED



Megginch holds two National Plant Collection; Scottish Heritage apples and pears and Scottish Cider apples, representing over 400 varieties, many of them rare, some of them found nowhere else. In October 2025 the orchard received a Scottish Land and Estates Heart Award for its outstanding contribution to conservation and community.

Catherine leads you through the orchard, sharing the stories of individual varieties – including the Bloody Ploughman, which was bred here at Megginch in the 1860s – and explaining the patient work of restoring Scotland's apple heritage from near extinction. Depending on the season you will taste the fruit directly from the trees, and whatever the season will try a sample of apple juices in the Cidery, a heritage carriage house within the beautiful 18<sup>th</sup> Century cobbled courtyard.

Duration: 2 hours Group Size: 1 – 20

Price: 1 – 4 people £160, £40 per additional person

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