

BISHOPTHORPE COMMUNITY ORCHARD

Welcome to **Bishopthorpe Community Orchard** a space for everyone to enjoy. Local residents created this orchard on disused land in 2019, as part of the Bishopthorpe Orchard Project.

You are welcome to sample the fruit. Plums are ready from late July to August; apples and pears from August to November.

Continuing the orchard tradition

From the early 19th century until the 1920s, orchards and market gardens were a major source of employment and income in Bishopthorpe.

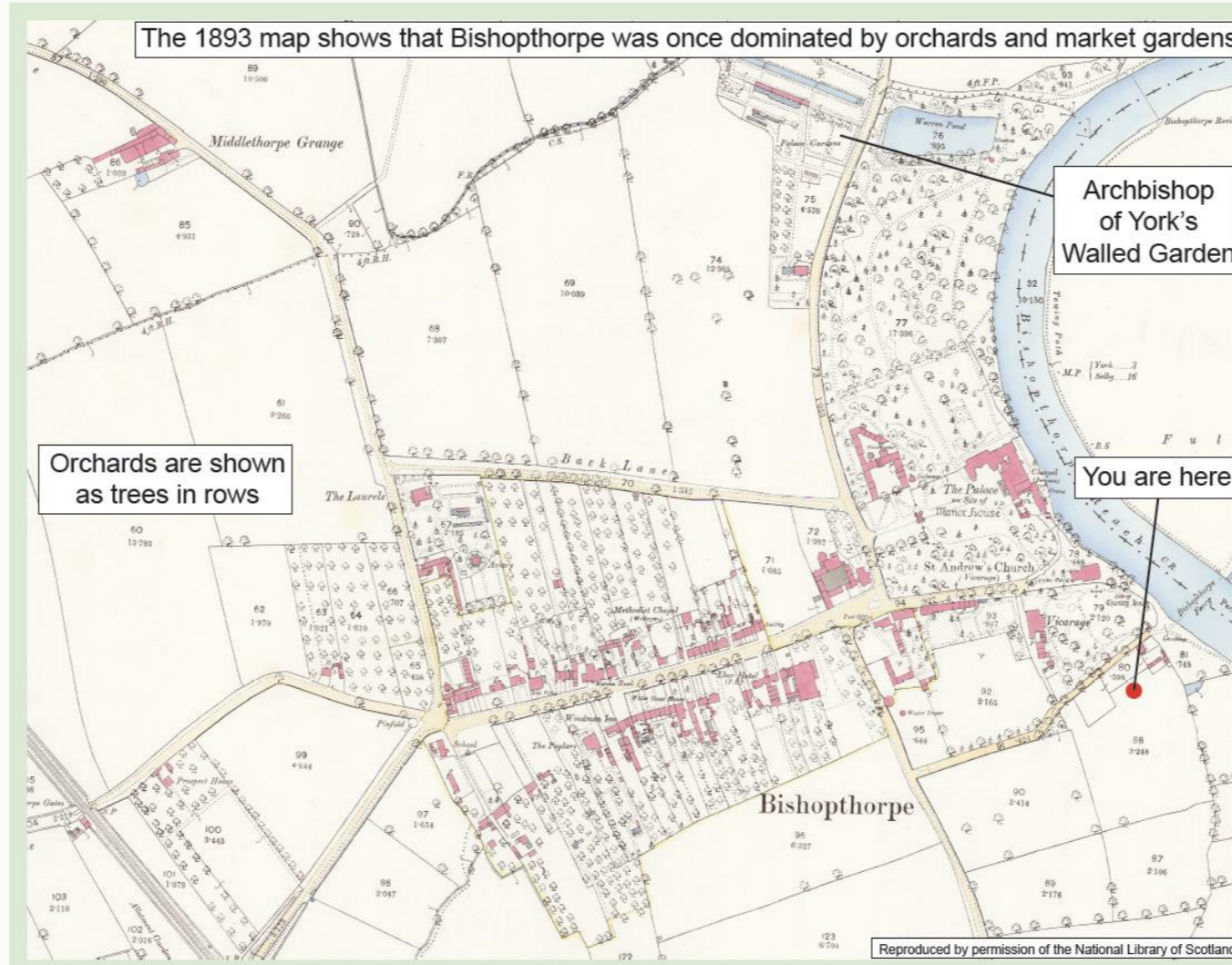
The Archbishop of York's walled garden was also at its peak. The booklet 'Bishopthorpe in Blossom' describes this heritage and is available from the library.

Several trees in this orchard are old varieties found in the village. These include Lord Lambourne, Ellison's Orange, Belle de Boskoop and James Grieve apples, and River's Early Plum.

Photograph taken on Main Street c1900 shows Mr William Forth, one of the market gardeners. Waggons loaded with vegetables, fruit and flowers were taken to market in York.



Bishopthorpe Community Archive/Bishopthorpe Local History Group



A home for wildlife

Orchards provide homes for hedgehogs and voles, and food for birds such as bullfinch.

"What can your eye desire to see, your nose to smell, your mouth to taste that is not to be had in an orchard"

William Lawson. A New Orchard and Garden, 1618



Hedgehog

Male bullfinch



Red admiral butterfly



Tawny mining bee

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Common knapweed



Oxeye daisy



Cowslip

Look out for bees and butterflies, including the tawny mining bee and red admiral butterfly.

Wildflowers such as common knapweed, oxeye daisy, common bird's foot trefoil, and cowslip have been sown.



Common bird's foot trefoil

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