



What are we growing at Racehill Community Orchard?



Racehill Community Orchard has been planted with over 200 fruit trees; apples, damsons, plums and pears. To give the fruit the best chance of survival, shelter-belt hedgerows have been planted to protect against the wind. Varieties in the hedgerows include: sloe, elder, cherry plums, hawthorn and holly.

Here are just some of the trees and plants growing on site

Wild food

Wild Marjoram

is a herb which can be used to flavour sweet or savoury dishes.



Sweet violets

have edible flowers and can be eaten raw, candied or put in cakes.



Hedgerow

Hazelnut

is good for biodiversity as the nuts are eaten by many animals.



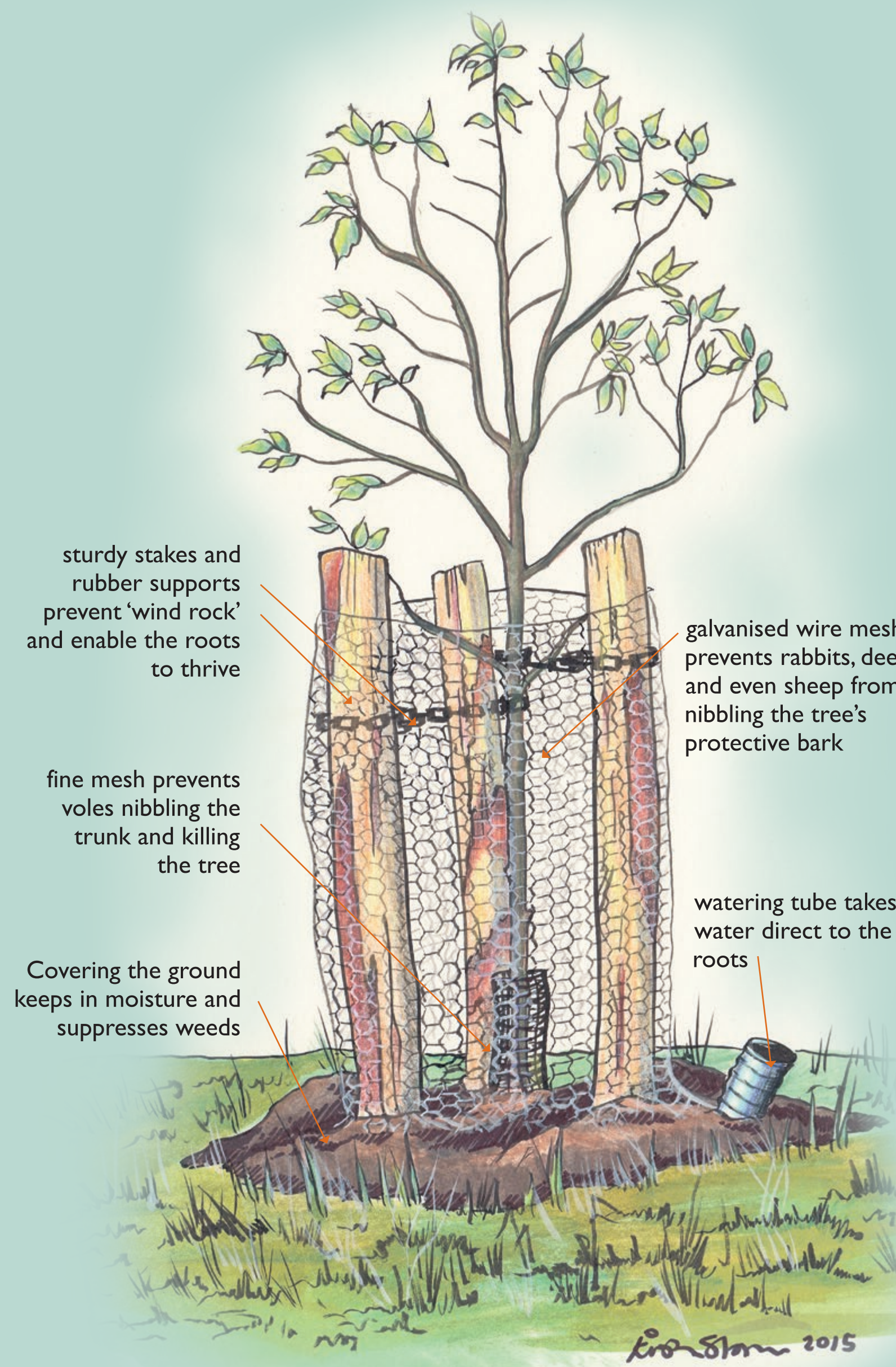
Cherry Plums

are delicious in Jam



Elder

flowers can be picked in May to June or Elderberries in early autumn



Giving a young tree a good start

For more information visit:
www.racehillorchard.org.uk Or call: 07746 185927

Orchard

Apple: First and Last

is a good 'keeper' it will last over the winter months in a cold shed.



Apple: Crawley Beauty

is the last apple to flower on the orchard and can have blossom into June.



Damson: Shropshire Prune

Damsons have been used as a purple dye by the emperors of Rome and the British Army.



Apple: Patte de Loup

is an apple variety brought over from Normandy. It is called 'Wolf's paw' because it has marks which look like it has been scratched by wolves.



Pear: Invincible

flowers twice if it needs to in order to make sure it fruits each year.



Plum: Giant Prune

Plums may have been one of the first fruits domesticated by humans.



Racehill Community Orchard is a project of Brighton Permaculture Trust in partnership with local residents, Brighton & Hove Food Partnership and Brighton & Hove City Council.