

# Hinton Heritage Project

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Local Heritage *initiative*

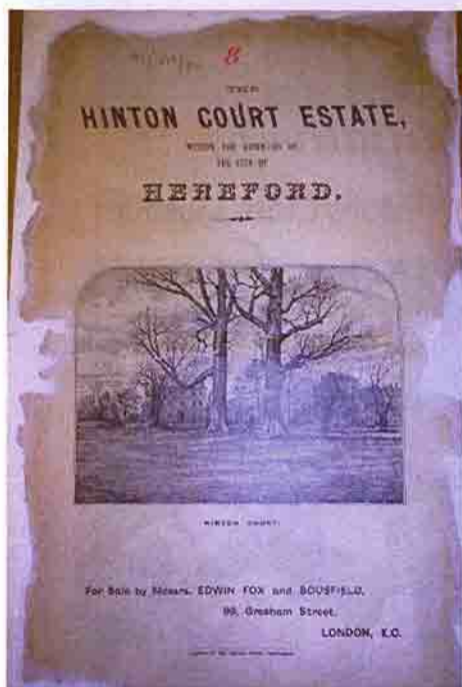
St Martins School Children at Westons Cider Museum



**The Hinton Residents Association working in partnership with the South Wye and Belmont Community Environmental Project (CEP)**

## ***Introduction***

*As many of you know the CEP is responsible for a great many environmental improvements across South Wye and Belmont. It was suggested by local people that the Apple press in Court Crescent should be reinstated to its former glory. Funding was secured from the Countryside Agency through their Local Heritage Initiative (LHI) and a series of events were scheduled*



Several local residents have already undertaken to do a great deal of research into the history of Hinton. It is thought that prior to the 1930s none of the existing residential dwellings were built. The photo (left) is the front cover of some sales particulars from 1898 and shows what was once a beautiful manor House.

From the map of the Hinton Court estate (centre page) it can be seen that Hinton Court existed on what is now Court Crescent.



Maggie Davies, Rob Downy and Betty Bevan of the 'Southgate woodpeckers' who will be helping to build the mechanism for the new cider press

So far a number of events have been organised by the Residents Association, the CEP and St Martins School including

- A Community Trip to the 2003 Cider Festival in Hereford
- A trip with St Martins School to the Hereford Cider Museum.
- A trip with St Martins school to Westons Cider Museum
- The planting of an apple orchard on the school grounds.
- Historical Research sessions.



As part of the Hinton Heritage project a film is being made to record the sequence of events. Because the film makers were so impressed with the enthusiasm of the children from St Martins school the trip to Westons was also filmed by the LHI and used as a case study for their National Conference

Stewart Goulding, resident association project leader from Chestnut Drive overseeing the first part of the restoration work

Work has now begun to remove the old mill chase so that it can be rebedded and laid flat. The idea is to get as many people involved as possible



**If you would like to be involved in this project or you think you have something that you would like to contribute please contact either Stewart or Richard on 01432262972**



In an attempt to raise awareness about the Hinton Heritage Project an apple bobbing competition was held at the Big Event 2003

Throughout the course of this year it is anticipated that more events will be held including

- Competitions at the Big Event
- Archaeology and heritage study work
  - Research opportunities
- An open day using a horse to pull the cider press and crush some apples on site
  - Interviews on local radio
  - Articles in the local press
- Presentations by local volunteers to youth groups

The Heritage Project is designed to bring about environmental and historical education for both young and old people as well as reinstating a rare and valuable historical artifact.

CEP Officer Richard Fishbourne seen here talking to children from St Martins school about the significance of cider making in Herefordshire and the existence of this Mill Chase when it would have featured at Hinton Court to crush apples.

