



April 2023 - Orchard is planted



Thanks to everyone who came along to the working sessions in February and March. We planted 5 pear trees (Onward, Comice, Beurre Hardy, Cuisse Madam, and Goodknapp) to be grown as espaliers along the back wall. We also planted a gage (Early Transparent) and an apricot (Large Early) to be grown as fans against the wall. In the triangle we planted a Victoria plum, a damson (Farleigh) and transplanted a dwarf pear bush from the front.



A Bramley apple tree was planted at the front near the steps and a further 7 apple trees have been grafted at the Northern Fruit Group workshop. These have been placed in a nursery bed. Once they have established, they will be planted out as step-over cordons along the base of the western bank. We also pruned and mulched the trees and attached the espalier wires.

Thanks again to everyone who sponsored a tree.

Dates for your diary: orchard working sessions are on 4th Saturday of the month, 10am – 12:30pm. All welcome.

22 April: improving access, cutting back ivy, fig tree planting

8 May: the orchard will be open during the Coronation Day event at the hall

27 May: improving access, planting wildflowers, fixing a second water butt

24 June: seating area, wildflower path on banking, summer pruning

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