



February 2023 - Orchard taking shape

The cold weather in December meant our plans to set in the espalier posts were delayed but this was completed during a mild spell in January and the posts look great. We received the first 5 upright apple trees from the Northern Fruit Group (NFG) in early February and have planted them at the top of the western bank. Thanks to everyone who came along to help with the posts and planting. Some of us are also joining a pruning workshop run by the NFG at Rotcher Community Orchard in Slaithwaite.



Apple trees on western bank from north to south: Greensleeves, Herefordshire Russet, Ribston Pippin, Red Devil, Fortune.



We are hoping to acquire a Bramley, pear espaliers, and plums in the next few weeks. The step-over apple cordons at the base of the slope will be created at a grafting workshop run by the NFG in the Harrogate area on 25 February.

Thank you to everyone who has sponsored a tree, stake, or compost!

Dates for your diary – all welcome

Saturday 25 February, 10 – 1pm : attaching espalier wires, planting, pruning, and staking
Saturday 25 March, 10 – 1pm : planting, pruning, and staking

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