



## July 2024 – spring and summer in the orchard.



It's been a busy few months. In February we planted out the stepover apples at the base of the slope. In March, a soft fruit bed, with a redcurrant, two blackcurrants and a worcesterberry, was created in the community garden. Both



have been mulched to keep weeds down. We also improved the compost area and finished off the steps and path along the back wall. In April and May,



wildflower beds were sown on the slope and immediately in front of the hall. The trees blossomed well in the spring, but, just for this year, the developing fruits were removed so the trees could better establish and we will have a great harvest next year. Thanks to everyone who helped out and supported.

**Orchard care sessions are the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month, 10:00am-12:30pm: 27 July, 24 August, 28 September, 26 October. All welcome!**

Upcoming activities:

- Summer pruning
- Weeding and mulching of espaliers and fans on the back wall
- Re-levelling the water butts
- Watering during dry weather

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