



September 2023 – the orchard is 1 year old

Thanks to everyone who helped to keep the newly planted trees watered in dry spells during the summer. Extra water butts have been installed around the village hall to help with this and conserve water. We've also increased the mulched areas around each tree to keep the weeds at bay and battled greenfly with water sprays. The trees are looking healthy and sending out new branches, which we will prune in January. All 7 of the grafted apple trees are thriving in the nursery bed and will be planted out into their permanent positions as step-overs during the winter.

New steps have much improved access to the rear area. We plan to continue with this work over coming months.

Our October session coincides with the open day at the village hall. We will be planting a celebratory mulberry tree and offering tours of the orchard.



**Working sessions are the 4th Saturday of the month, 10:00am - 12:30pm:
23 Sept, 28 Oct (open day), 25 Nov, 23 Dec, 27 Jan. All welcome.**



Tasks for upcoming sessions:

- installing posts and wires for fig tree
- ivy removal and weeding
- planting mulberry, Bramley, quince, step-overs, and fruit bushes (with thanks to tree sponsors)
- pruning apple and pear trees
- tying-in espaliers and step-overs
- path improvements
- re-organising compost areas

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