



**January 2024 – looking forward to our second season.**



A successful end to 2023 saw us planting two more trees, a mulberry, ‘Illinois Everbearing’ (left), and a quince, ‘Serbian Gold’ (right). The mulberry was planted at the village hall open day in October which included tours of the orchard.

At the November session we pruned the apple & pear trees, lowered the espalier branches to horizontal and tied-in the apricot and gage fans.



**Orchard care sessions are the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month, 10:00am-12:30pm: 27 Jan, 24 Feb, 23 Mar, 27 Apr. All welcome!**

**This includes two special sessions:**

**27 Jan: MVH grounds planning meeting.**

Everyone involved in managing the grounds of the village hall will meet to agree a plan for the year.

**27 April: Orchard Blossom Day.** Come and celebrate the peak blossom season – activities and tours to find out more about our fruit trees. Further details to follow.



Tasks for upcoming sessions:

- installing posts and wires for fig tree
- ivy removal and weeding
- planting the stepovers into their permanent positions
- planting soft fruit bushes
- back wall path improvements
- reorganising composting areas

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