



Biodiversity Action Across Teignbridge Parishes

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Ashton

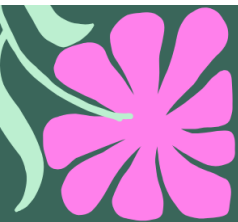
Village Hall Community Orchard

- Land was owned by the village and managed by the Village Hall Committee
- Grass area was little used and suitable for fruit trees
- Eight apple trees, grown in Devon and chosen specifically to suit Ashton's microclimate, were planted
- 30 people came to help with planting
- Trees were individually protected using deer guards
- Each tree was labelled with the history and use for each apple variety
- Two bird boxes have been added to the area



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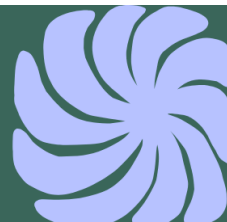




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Who Was Responsible

The project was led/organised by the Parish Wildlife Warden with support from villagers, the Parish Council and the vicar.

Costs

The trees and materials (posts, deer netting) were kindly donated. The total amounted to c.£400. A successful application was made for £300 from a County Councillor Locality Fund, to provide additional seating.

Community Engagement

- A wassail was held in January 2023
- A box has been provided with nature play ideas for children including ID books, magnifiers and nature poetry.

Benefits and Outcomes

This is a long-term project in terms of biodiversity gains for insects, invertebrates, birds, bats and other mammals but over time the habitat will develop and support more species.

The orchard has engaged the community and, importantly, with the provision of a nature play activity box, the previously little-visited space has become a focal point for young children within the parish.

Action Is there a place in your parish where this could be achieved? Creating a new habitat can support local species and be fantastic for the local community!



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