

Project Progress Report

Project Name: Tree Planting and Community Orchard

Report Date: 16 January 2025

1) Project Objectives:

This project will:

 To improve and enhance the recreation ground for residents and the wider community whilst fulfilling our aims in terms of Climate Action and Biodiversity.

2) Progress against Plan:

Achievements this period:

- Many trees planted as infill in Copse, lead by our fantastic, dedicated volunteer team. Ably assisted by some residents of Nightingale Close. Thanks to all!
- Delivery of 32 fruit and nut trees for Community Orchard.
- Donation of 1 walnut tree from local resident.
- Purchase and delivery of copper beech tree to mark former Cllr Clark's 47 years of service to Great Alne Parish Council.
- Community Orchard including additional donated walnut tree, and Cllr Clark's commemorative tree planted on the morning of 9th November. Many residents ranging from ages 5 to 90 came out to join in, plant and learn.

New Plan Activities:

• To purchase benches to enable the community to sit, enjoy and reflect.

3) Actions for Next Period:

Planned actions for next period:

- Await delivery of appropriate orchard/tree maintenance tools being provided by WCC as part of their Community Orchard funding programme.
- Metal tags for easy tree identification also awaited as part of the Community Orchard funding programme.
- Visit anticipated from Tara Higgs at WCC Ecology department. This is a postplanting viist. She plans to bring the tags and tools with her when she visits.
- Investigate benches for both copse and orchard areas.