

COMMUNITY ORCHARD

Email from Joy O'Neill and the Chiltern Conservation Board

Everything is looking very positive subject to a final sign off from the Parish Council.

In order to proceed the Chiltern Conservation Board would like a commitment from the Parish Council that they will allow the community orchard to exist on the land and a volunteer group to manage it for at least 10 years. Of course if the council will allow the orchard to last for longer than 10 years that would be a wonderful extra.

If the Parish Council can agree this then Chiltern Conservation Board will agree to fund the clearing of the site, purchasing and planting the trees, buying tools for the volunteers, training volunteers to manage the site, supporting the volunteers to set up a management group, funding for some community events to make the parish aware of the orchard and some community signage once the orchard is planted.

We believe it may be possible to plant the first trees this October/November.

Would it be possible to arrange a socially distance visit to the sites with a representative from the Parish Council? A representative from the Chiltern Conservation Board has also asked to attend.

For consideration

- Possible location for the orchard,
- Commitment of 10 years minimum,
- Meeting with Joy and Chiltern Conservation Board