



**Community Assets & Opens Spaces Committee
Wednesday 7 October 2026**

Agenda Item 11 – Orchard Tree Pruning

Purpose of the Report

Members are required to:

- **NOTE** the report and **CONSIDER** the recommendations.

Background

As part of the parish council's ongoing maintenance of fruit trees in Wroughton, and to minimise costs of employing external contractors, it is considered fruitful to arrange for members of the grounds team to undergo pruning training.

Vision4Wroughton could also be approached to see if they would like to nominate an attendee.

This training would need to take place during the winter dormancy period from November 2026 to March 2027.

Our parish council-owned fruit trees are located at the Secret Garden Play Area, Boness Road, Belmont Green (near Listers estate) and in Willow-Brook Gardens.

Allan Holland of Swindon charity TWIGs has confirmed that he will be able to complete a two-hour classroom and site-based orchard pruning course here in Wroughton. He has asked for a charitable donation of £80 to TWIGS to cover the costs, which would go towards the community garden in Cheney Manor that supports people with mental health issues through horticultural therapies and activities.

Recommendations

1. For the parish council to arrange training sessions for the grounds team and volunteers to help them maintain orchard trees.
2. To **APPROVE** or **REJECT** a donation of £80 to TWIGS for their assistance in delivering the training session.

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