

# Ware Open Spaces - Widbury Allotments Community Orchard - Progress Update for Ware Town Council

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**Report Date:** 15th May 2023

**Community and Environment Committee Meeting:** 22nd May 2023

## Orchard Timeline:

- June 2021: Agreement by Ware Town Council was reached for 'Ware Open Spaces' (then known as Trinity Community Orchard Group) to scope out the Widbury Hill allotment site for its potential to become a Community Orchard.
- January 2022: Final proposal taken to Ware Town Council for work on the Orchard to commence. Unanimous agreement from Cllrs.
- May 2022: Mayor of Ware - Cllr Ian Kemp - plants first new tree in Orchard
- January 2023: 11 new trees planted in Orchard (Apple, Plum, Cherry and Pear)

## Flexible projected timeline:

- Summer 2023: Continue cleaning and maintenance of the space
- Winter 2023: Fundraise for fencing
- Winter 2023: Prepare pathways with bark chippings
- Spring 2023: New gate to be installed just off entrance to Plaxton Way
- Summer 2023: Official opening - WTC to be invited.

## Images of progress:

Pre-project:



Press coverage following initial planting



Community Day - July 2022



Spring 2023 - First tree planted blossoms



New trees bed in and new wildflowers bloom with brambles cut back



