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**Pynes Community Orchard - Progress Report**

- 1 A number of families registered interest in picking apples over the last weekend in September and timed slots were allocated - adhering to Covid and tenancy conditions. The weekend however saw the first of the autumnal gales hit us, with biblical amounts of rain to go with the wind, so sessions were rescheduled to suit families' timings the following week.
- 2 We have already begun to see an influx of migrating birds feeding on the fallen fruit
- 3 Another of the oldest trees was blown down in the gale - chainsaw work will be a priority after Christmas as well as further thinning out of the remaining older trees.
- 4 A small outbreak of ragwort has been dealt with.
- 5 Stuart Brooking has done sterling work in cutting the grass in the orchard - we are very grateful to him - the work will be completed this week weather permitting.
- 6 As we inch towards the first stage of the Parish Council owning the Orchard - Nick will update on this - we are dealing with a number of issues related to the Property Search process. These include investigating how best to isolate and meter our water supply to the trough at the bottom of the site which currently also supplies the trough in the field owned by the Church Commissioners adjacent to nos 5 and 7 Station Road. South West Water will be involved in this, as well as resolving a drainage problem related to pipework running from Pynes Cottages down the slope towards the Orchard gate.
- 7 We are indebted to David Howe for the clarity of his guidance on the legal processes and all his work on our behalf.

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