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Pynes Community Orchard - Progress Report

- 1 This has been a quiet time in the Orchard.
- 2 Stuart Brooking completed the grass cutting and the site looks much tidier.
- 3 The fallen fruit has attracted flocks of migrating birds - field fares and lapwings – and they have done a great job in clearing the residual apples.
- 4 Some chainsaw work has been carried out (thank you Nick) on the completely dead fallen trees at the far end of the site. Further work is needed over the next few weeks.
- 5 A drainage leak from the pipe running down the slope from Pynes Cottages towards the gate was repaired by South West Water just before Christmas.
- 6 We are completing discussions with the Church Commissioners regarding the isolation of the water supply to the trough at the bottom of the Orchard. The most economic and pragmatic solution will be to install a meter on the pipe where it comes off the water pipe supplying the trough in the field adjacent to nos 5 and 7 Station Road. This looks to be the only outstanding issue in our negotiations on securing the Option to Purchase - Nick will update you at the meeting.
- 7 All the trees planted last January are beginning to come in to bud. There has been a bit of damage caused by rabbits to some of the trees at the top of the Orchard and new tree protectors will be fitted and existing ones tidied up and weeds removed.
- 8 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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