

**Paper 1**  
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**Ide Community Orchard - Progress Report**

- 1 The main focus of activity over recent weeks has been watering the new trees during the drought. The Community responded really well to the 'Water whilst you Walk' invitation promulgated on the Village Facebook site and this has kept the new trees going well. A few have struggled though in the extreme heat but quite a few of the new trees are bearing some fruit, and the established trees are well laden although the apples are quite small through lack of rainfall.
- 2 The storage shed at the top of the orchard is nearing completion.
- 3 The Orchard continues to be very popular with walkers, dog owners and villagers enjoying a stroll and drink together in the evenings
- 4 Rose's provision of a seat in Alan Saunders' memory, which we have installed near the trees she is sponsoring at the top of the Orchard, continues to bring pleasure to many people.
- 5 Following the discovery of a couple wild camping in the orchard we have erected an additional sign clearly stating the camping and barbecues are not permitted
- 6 The grass in the orchard will be cut in early September. Julian Perrett is looking into the hire of a mini baler.
- 7 Paula, Julian and I hosted a visit from the RHS Community Grants lead on 16<sup>th</sup> August.
- 8 The Management Group is beginning to develop options for using the apples, including opportunities for community days of picking and juicing

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