

## **Ide Community Orchard Management Group - Chair's report to IPC meeting 20 November 2024**

One of the highlights of the Orchard year took place on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> when we held our second Apple Day. The previous weekend we'd collected apples with the help of people from the village so we arrived on Saturday with plenty to do. But thanks to a fabulous effort from so many people, we washed, mashed, pressed and decanted what felt like thousands of apples. It was a lovely day and enjoyed by many.

We were left with lots of juice which we are hoping to sell in the Community Shop.

We will have held a Management Group meeting before this meeting of the PC and I will update the meeting on what came out of the meeting.

The Orchard itself continues to thrive. There are plenty of unpicked apples which will be enjoyed by the local birds and by residents. We are looking to hold a Christmas Lights switch on in December and a Wassail in January.

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