

Orchard Action Plan 2017/2018

When	What	Who
October 2016	<p>Continue removing brambles from around Ash tree area. Look at Ash tree growth. Tidy brambles on wall side further up Orchard to stop rooting in. Start removing brambles hedge from stream side inside gate up to a third of the orchard and cut back brambles in Meadow. Try to pull out of stream. Prune blackcurrants, Remove ragwort</p> <p>Erect fence in meadow</p> <p>Continue Scything Orchard including path, remove cut grass to compost pile. Leave some nettle stems for lady birds & other insect cover.</p> <p>Start Creating wood pile for wildlife at far end of orchard. Remove and clean out blue tit box Record butterflies</p> <p>Contact Schools</p>	<p>All Men</p> <p>Christine</p>
November	<p>Apply grease bands to prevent winter moth</p> <p>Possibly remove ash tree from near wall and prune back Elder.</p> <p>Continue removing first third of brambles</p> <p>? construct wooden compost bins and possibly seat in Meadow</p>	<p>Linda (all)</p> <p>All</p> <p>? Men</p>
December	<p>Look up Gloucester Orchard group and others if not already done</p> <p>Start recording wildlife for year.</p>	<p>Marian</p> <p>? volunteer</p>
January 2017	<p>Prune apples ? workshop pruning workshop or maintenance by Mr. Fruit Suggest £7.50 volunteers, £10 others</p> <p>Review current South Glos. Volunteer Agreement to be renewed in March.</p> <p>Have group meeting January 29th to plan Blossom Open day</p> <p>Fit new bird boxes – Instruction from SGC Tree Officer</p>	<p>Marian All</p> <p>Marian</p> <p>All</p>
February	<p>Plant more blackcurrants/ redcurrants/gooseberry , Continue to prune apples if needed.</p> <p>Publicise Blossom Open Day</p>	<p>All (Marian provide)</p>
March	<p>Scythe meadow for last time apart from path, Scythe path in Orchard. Mulch under tree canopy and blackcurrants with seaweed feed and compost.</p> <p>Plant out plug plants in meadow.</p>	<p>John and all</p> <p>All</p>
April	<p>Check for pests on fruit trees, re apply grease bands to fruit trunks, control bindweed and other weeds. Scythe path and half of Orchard avoiding daffodils and primroses. Blossom day.</p>	<p>All</p>
May	<p>Control weeds,</p> <p>Continue scything path and half of Orchard</p>	<p>All</p>
June	<p>Tie in Blackberries, lightly prune damsons (and plum) Apply potash (organic) to help fruit grow, thin apples</p> <p>Continue scything path and half of Orchard</p>	<p>All</p>
July	<p>Tie in blackberries, Continue thinning apples if needed, tidy up apple water shoots, remove fallen apples</p> <p>Continue scything path and half of Orchard</p> <p>Advertise possible Open Day</p>	<p>All</p>
August	<p>Tie in blackberries, remove fallen apples – give best away</p> <p>Scythe meadow/and half orchard</p>	<p>All</p>
September	<p>Possible Apple Open day</p>	<p>All</p>