

End of Year Report: Colwall Orchard Group

Introduction

Traditional orchards are an important element of our landscape and heritage. They are also extremely important for wildlife, particularly insects dependant on deadwood and the animals that feed on these. In recognition of their wildlife importance, orchards became a 'priority' habitat under the UK Biodiversity Action Plan in 2007.

Most orchards are no longer economic to manage, due to rising labour costs and falling demand for local produce. In many areas we have now lost the traditional skills needed to prune the trees and use their produce to best effect.

Colwall Orchard Group was set up in 2007, initially to identify the orchards in the Parish. In association with the People's Trust for Endangered Species, we set out to discover how many orchards remained, assess their condition and look for noble chafer, a rare beetle that lives on dead wood in orchard trees. We originally estimated there were 25 orchards, but we ended up locating 41 potential sites and have confirmed that there are:

- 26 traditional standard orchards
- 5 well established newer standard orchards
- At least 6 'garden' orchards
- 1 standard cider orchard (on a traditional orchard site)
- 2 bush orchards

There are several sites still to check, and new sites are still coming to light.

In 2008 we moved on encouraging owners and the people of Colwall to value their orchards and bringing the orchards back into proper management, by:

- Recruiting more volunteers to help the project
- Putting the project on a firmer footing
- Acquiring the tools we need to go out and manage the orchards
- Offering training the volunteers and owners to help them relearn a range of orchard management skills
- Helping owners by providing management advice and getting out into the orchards to do some practical management
- Planting new orchard trees to regenerate the orchards
- Holding a range of public events to start to raise the profile of the orchards with the villagers (a fungus foray, Colwall Apple Day, the Mistletoe Fair and Wassailing)
- Helping to generate a market for local sustainable orchard produce such as apples, apple juice and mistletoe

1. Recruiting volunteers

Colwall Orchard Group was initially formed in 2007 to survey and assess the condition of orchards across the parish. It closed the year with 13 volunteers on its books. As the work of the group expanded, we have gradually increased the number of volunteers and the range of skills and expertise they bring to the group. As at 31st March 2009, the volunteer roll stands at 55 individuals (with variable numbers of children and grandchildren in attendance), with a core of about 30 'regulars'.

Over the course of the year, we have kept a record of volunteers supporting and attending our events, and key committee members have also recorded their

contributions in administrative support. This represents the minimum volunteer contribution, and probably underestimates the overall contribution as more of the volunteers have started to help with 'behind the scenes' tasks to support the project. This voluntary support has been essential to the successful operation of the project, both in terms of achieving results, and in terms of its financial value in 'match funding' the grants from the AONB – which required 53.4% and 25% contribution respectively. At the end of the year the volunteer time contributions stand at 110 hours of expert time (worth £21 per hour), and 1343 hours of 'ordinary' time (worth £7 per hour). Individual contributions range from a couple of hours to 300 hours, with 35 individuals committing 10 hours or more, 18 more than 20 hours and 9 more than 30.

Xxx could add graph of volunteer time?

We have held a number of social events for the volunteers including:

- 12th July: Bring and share evening drinks and nibbles in association with the Bat night
- 10th August: Bring and share evening drinks and nibbles in association with the moth night
- 27th September 2008: Bring and share lunch in association with the Fungus Foray
- 12th December: Bring and share evening drinks and nibbles in association with the Christmas social
- 7th March: Social evening following the AGM (savoury main course funded by the project)

At the AGM, we resolved to institute a formal membership fee of £2 for individuals and £4 for families, with the option of a bursary for those who felt unable to pay. This may reduce numbers on the list slightly. We have continued to engage these volunteers in a range of activities, with more volunteers now taking on tasks to help with the running of the group.

Most communication with the volunteers is via regular email circulation. We also issued an Autumn and Winter Newsletter and intend to produce and circulate a spring edition shortly. The Newsletter keeps the volunteers, orchard owners and other interested parties informed of group activities (recent successes as well as future plans). News about our activities is also placed on the orchard pages of the Colwall Greener website at www.greener.colwall.info.

We have recently purchased outdoor weight fleeces for key volunteers engaged in orchard management work, to minimise wear and tear on their personal clothing. These are green, to resist algal stains from mistletoe etc, and branded with the new Colwall Orchard Group logo, so that they will also serve to identify the volunteers at future events. We are presenting these individually to about 24 key volunteers, and keeping some in reserve for general use at events. We have also purchased protective gloves and hard hats for use in orchard management.

2. Putting the project on a firmer footing

Initially, the group operated on an informal basis, and applied for funding from the Malvern Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Sustainable Development Fund through Colwall Parish Council. The initial AONB grant was for £5,000, raised to £7,020 in October 2008, with volunteer time and other contributions in kind as 43.7% of the funding.

Contributions in kind were raised from a variety of sources including:

- Natural England support, releasing staff time through their 'Transition time' programme
- Natural England support for travel and subsistence costs of attending the national orchard conference and for absorbing some administrative costs
- Discounts from suppliers and trainers (note a £250 discount from Helen Reeves in her costing for the design work was not costed into the project).

In addition we raised £73 from the apple juice, £400 from the sale of mistletoe donated by Freda Ballard, Bill Wiggin and John Bishop and received various other donations at the Wassailing and other events.

Throughout the year the Group expanded and once it decided to seek additional funding, Colwall Parish Council resolved that it was no longer prepared to handle the grant finances. So, it became apparent that the Group needed to be formally constituted in order to operate as a stand alone organisation. An inaugural meeting was held in association with the Christmas social on 12th December, and the draft articles agreed at this meeting were ratified at the AGM on 7th March 2009.

The Management Committee, as elected at the AGM is as follows:

Chair:	Tim Dixon
Treasurer:	Deb Turnbull
Secretary:	Jan Porter
Committee Members:	Helen Stace Ruth Kiely Tim Porter

The newly constituted Colwall Orchard Group sought further funding from the AONB and from the National Trust/Natural England Orchard Countdown 2010 fund, announced in December. The second AONB grant was for £,000 with volunteer time as 25% match funding. The NT/NK grant was for £3,000, with no requirement for match funding.

As the project geared up, more work was required to co-ordinate activities across a range of fronts. So key volunteers making substantive contributions to specific tasks, such as project co-ordination, sourcing and purchasing kit and supervising tree planting have received some remuneration via grant aid for running costs. This paid time is in addition to the volunteer contributions listed above.

As the work of the group now includes practical management of orchards and a range of public events, the group has purchased public liability insurance and cover for the volunteers via BTCV. In order to ensure appropriate cover and to meet Health and Safety requirements we carry out risk assessments of the main tasks and events carried out by the project, and review events to ensure that we institute any improvements required.

3. Acquiring tools

Whilst funds were available, we have attempted to set up the group with sufficient tools to carry out orchard management and arrange of other activities as follows:

Pruning:

- Zubat and hyauchi pole saws and a branch hook for high pruning
- Zubat hand saws, secateurs and pruning knives for formative pruning
- Loppers and bow saws for processing the brash
- Ladders

Planting:

- crow bars, spades and forks for creating planting and post holes
- mells and post drivers for driving in stakes
- hammers, wire cutters and drill for wiring the cages
- Tamper for restoring the planting sites

Apple juicing kit:

- Trugs, buckets and funnels for carrying apples and juice
- Scatter
- Apple press
- Pasteuriser for treating the juice

Events:

- PVC table cloths
- Top hats and rag coat for Wassailing
- Tea light holders and lanterns for Wassailing

Survey kit:

- Moth trap, tubes, generator and lock for moth trapping

We have prepared full inventory of our purchases, see Annex 3, and have compiled a safety sheet detailing safe use of the tools. All tools and kit are currently stored in the home of 2 of the key volunteers, and this is starting to create storage problems, so the group is looking to hire storage space in the near future.

4. Management advice and survey

Colwall Orchard Group commissioned Rob Widdicombe of Border Ecology to prepare Management Plans for the following 12 orchards:

Orchard name	Grid Ref
Maybole Orchard	SO762 431
Sunfold orchard	SO763 432
Broadwood Orchard	SO762 429
Snatford	SO760 428
Lyn Ballard's new orchard	SO759 432
Lyn Ballard's old orchard	SO761 433
Cummin's Orchard	SO738 410
Fortunes Gate	SO731 406
Foxgrove orchard	SO754 439
Brockhill orchard	SO759 434
Down's School	SO759 432
Netherpaths	SO752 409

The plans provide the essential information needed to support applications to Natural England for Higher Level Stewardship. They include a wealth of information on the individual trees which are mapped and numbered, and sets out plans for replanting. Colwall Orchard Group will keep these up to date and insert additional categories of information as it becomes available.

The programme of specialist surveys planned to supplement the Management Plans got off to a slow start, due to bereavement and sick leave of the key co-ordinator. However this was picked up later and the following surveys were completed:

- Bats were surveyed in Broadwood, Snatford, Old and New Winnings, Nursery orchard and the Downs
- Fungi were surveyed in Maybole, Sunfold, Broadwood, Snatford, Old and New Winnings, Nursery orchard, the Downs and Cowl Barn
- Mistletoe Tortrix moth was surveyed in Maybole, Broadwood, Snatford, Stamps orchard and Oldcastle.

Further surveys will be carried out over the next financial year, including a summer survey for adult noble chafer beetles.

5. Training volunteers and practical management of the orchards

Since November, the Group has been organising training events and work parties at approximately fortnightly intervals, alternating between Friday's and Saturdays. (Note: there was a significant gap over Christmas and gaps to fit in a range of other events including the Mistletoe Fair and the Wassailing).

We have brought in a range of experts to provide training for the volunteers. Jonathan Briggs waived his fee in exchange of a share of the mistletoe cut on the training day. Marc Richmond and Nick Dunn were paid for from the grant aid budget, whilst training by Tim Dixon was courtesy of Natural England. The training events are shown in the table below:

Date	Training	Trainer	Number of volunteers trained
21 st November	Sustainable management of mistletoe	Jonathan Briggs	10 *
10 th January	pruning of mature trees	Marc Richmond	18
23 rd January	restoration pruning of old neglected trees	Tim Dixon	11
13 th February	Formative pruning of young trees	Nick Dunn	16
28 th February	Tree planting and protection	Tim Dixon	12

* 2 additional people joined the group from Natural England to benefit from this training

Altogether we held 8 training days and work party events working on mistletoe management and pruning in the orchards. We had good levels of attendance at these events, clocking up 468 hours in all, and we carried out a lot of restorative pruning work. The trainers have all been of a very high quality, and the volunteers now show considerable expertise in pruning. Work carried out in the orchards, on training events and in work parties, is summarised in Annex xxx.

Further events are planned on into April and May, to continue the work on the apple and pear orchards, and tackle the cherries once they have come into leaf.

6. Planting new trees

50 trees were purchased from Nick Dunn, of 'Trees for Life' (part of Frank P Matthews Ltd). At present we have scant information on the varieties of trees in the orchards, and no-one can reliably identify cherry varieties, and we so restricted

our choice of apples and pears to those known to be of local origin or known to be in the orchards.

The trees were healed in at Cave's Folly nursery, pending planting out, and we purchased all the kit needed to protect the trees from voles, rabbits and stock (stakes, posts, rails, wire, vole guards, mulch mats and tree ties).

Initially we planned to hold planting the trees ourselves with volunteer work parties, and so we set the group up with all the tools required to do this work including forks and spades, crow bars, post drivers and mells, hammers and fencing pliers etc. Tim Dixon of Natural England led the tree planting workshop at Maybole orchard on 28th February.

At the tree planting training, it became apparent that we would need considerable volunteer time to plant out all the trees, and we felt that we were better using their time to develop and use their pruning skills. Additional grant aid from the AONB and National Trust enabled us to subcontract most of the planting to 2 contractors, so that in the end the volunteers only planted 6 trees.

All 50 trees have now been planted out, across 10 orchards, as shown in the table below:

Orchard plantings

Orchard	Captain Tom	Hfds Beefing	King's Acre Pippin	Worcester Pearmain	Gaucher Bigarreau	Merton Bigarreau	Shropshire Prune	Mallard Plum	Black Pear
Maybole	2	2					2	2	1
Broadwood					4	4			
Snatford					1	1			2
Cummin's	4	2	2	2			3	3	1
Fortune's Gate	1		2	2					
Nursery	1								
Downs	1								1
Sunfold		1		1					
Lamorna	1								
Evendine			1						
Total	10	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5

7. Public events

Colwall Orchard Group has organised a range of public events, both to raise the profile of orchards and to encourage local people to value the orchards and consider using local sustainable orchard produce.

20th July Colwall Greener event on closing day of the Colwall Festival. We had a still and displayed maps, survey information, books etc. We recruited 2 new volunteers, both of whom are now very active members of the group.

8-10th September: National conference on Orchards and Groves

The Presentation at the national orchard conference was originally conceived as a single 'slot' for the Herefordshire contingent, who would speak in turn to explain their work in the county. Co-ordinated display boards were prepared to support

these presentations. However, the contingent elements were then split into 4 separate slots over 2 days, so Helen Stace had a 20 minute slot for a Powerpoint based presentation on the Colwall Orchard project on 10th September. The presentation and display were well received and we recruited 1 further volunteer. The other talks proved interesting and generated further ideas for the project. Some useful contacts were forged.

The display poster prepared for this conference was also used at a National BAP conference, and for a range of local events.

27th September: Fungus foray

This event, open to the public on a booking only basis, was lead by members of the Hereford Fungus Survey Group (Mike and Shelly Stroud, Jo Weightman, Stephanie Thompson, Steve Rolph). We had planned for 25 attendees, but had only 15 attendees (with 3 no shows and 4 last minute cancellations). The weather preceding the foray was not particularly conducive to fungi, so although we visited 9 orchards, we did not get a good list of fungi.

18th October: Colwall Apple Day

This was organised by Colwall Orchard Group in association with the Down's school. In the morning the event was solely for the school pupils and parents, in the afternoon the event was opened more widely to people in the village. The centre piece of the day was turning apples into juice. We laid on 2 juicing lines with kit loaned to the project by our volunteers and invited folk to help chop, grind and press the apples. Those bringing apples were given tokens for the relevant quantity of juice which was dispensed in bottles donated by Malvern Water. We supplemented this with a display of apple varieties (which we added to through the day), a display map of orchard and fruit trees in public spaces and some orchard literature. The School supplemented this with various games and activities in the morning including a pig roast.

We estimate that c 350 people attended all told and we pressed over 190 litres of juice. Many people brought apples along, some in quite large quantities, and lots of people really enjoyed joining in with the juicing. We got some good press coverage both before and after the event.

This has demonstrated demand for this sort of activity and the Downs School is keen to work with us again, so we have carried out an event review to inform a scaled up version of the day next year.

12th December: Colwall Mistletoe Fair at Cave's Folly

This was set up both to raise the profile of orchard produce and to market mistletoe cut by the project. Mistletoe was sold in a range of sizes, from complete balls to small bunches tied into sprigs with a rang of ribbons and decorations. We had a good turn out for the event, mainly from parents of the primary school children, following advertising at the school. We were left with a surplus of mistletoe. 3 loads were taken to Coddington Christmas trees, who collected donations on behalf of Colwall Orchard Group and 2 charities. We also spent some time preparing decorated mistletoe sprigs for presentation at the Chase Inn, Colwall, Carol singing in the Swan Inn at Newland and a carol concert at Worcester Guildhall.

17th January Wassailing at Cummin's orchard.

This event started as a low key event, but rumours reached us of large numbers intending to attend the event, with a significant contingent of teenagers. This prompted an emergency planning event to ensure that we were prepared for a large turn out, and put the management of the event, and the health and safety arrangements on a much more formal footing. The orchard was prepared for the

event in beautiful sunshine, but by the time of the event, a storm front was crossing the village. Contrary to all expectations, 100 people braved the weather and turned up for the event. After a brief review of the H&S issues we decided to proceed with an abbreviated version of the event. A small intrepid band headed for the orchard on foot, despite the fact that we could not light the fire brands for the procession. After further refreshments at the Yew Tree Inn, the remaining folk were crammed into the minimum number of cars possible and drove to the orchard. At the orchard, lashing wind and rain prevented lighting of the tea lights, flares etc, and in the interest of safety a brief ceremony was held outside to toast the orchard trees and the party repaired to a barn for singing and the Wassail cup. The party then returned to the Yew Tree Inn for further refreshments, including sausage rolls, flapjack and brownies provided by the Colwall Orchard Group. The evening was judged a huge success by all who attended, with particular thanks due to the Butler who presided over the ceremony and singing.

30th March: Community Evaluation Event

This event was run by David Marshall of the Bulmer Foundation, following the methodology developed for the Herefordshire Orchard Community Evaluation project, which examined the triple bottom line accounts for 6 orchards in Herefordshire.

Prior to the event, we gathered information on the biodiversity value of the orchard, the financial income from the orchard, the management activities required to achieve this income and the impacts of the management on soil and water, tourism and climate change. David Marshall analysed this information to place a monetary value on each environmental and financial attribute and place rank these in order of importance.

At the event, 17 participants from the area around Snatford Orchard were invited to discuss good and bad social factors inside and outside the orchard, vote for those most important to them and rank them alongside the environmental and financial factors.

This should enable us to assess the value of Snatford against the other 6 Herefordshire orchards, and the information gathered on how people valued the orchards will be of great use to the Group in deciding how to develop further.

Throughout the year, the Group has made maximum use of publicity to advertise and celebrate these events, and has achieved a high profile in the local press. See Annex xxx for a summary of publicity.

Colwall Orchard Group is now preparing a programme of events for the coming financial year, starting with the Colwall Big Blossom Picnic on 2nd May.

8. Other projects

Throughout the course of the year, the Group has worked on a range of other projects as follows:

Production of orchard banners

This item was to fund Marie-Therese King of Eek Batik to work with children from Colwall Primary School to produce 2 orchard themed banners. (In the event the school preferred to produce 1 large banner, rather than 2 smaller ones). The group

supplied the school with a CD of images of orchards in the winter and orchard wildlife, and this was used as inspiration for the children to make preparatory drawings. These were composed into a picture by Marie Therese and the wax outlines and colouring were completed by the children. The finished banner is stunning, and everyone is pleased with the end result.

Colwall Orchard Group Logo

The Group retained Helen Reeves to design a logo for the Group. The final logo

9. Acknowledgements

Special thanks go to:

- the orchard owners, who have collaborated with us over the year, allowed us in to carry out training, prune their trees, and plant trees.
- To the volunteers, who have given up so much of their time, particularly those who have learned and put into practice new tree pruning skills
- To my fellow committee members, Tim Dixon, Deb Turnbull, Ruth Kiely, Jan Porter and Tim Porter, for their hard work behind the scenes and their unflagging support throughout the year
- The Downs School for hosting the Fungus Foray and the Colwall Apple Day
- John Bishop, Freda Ballard and Bill Wiggin for allowing us to offer their mistletoe for donations
- Caves Folly, for hosting the Mistletoe Fair
- John and Di Bishop, and the Yew Tree Inn for hosting the Wassailing event
- Colwall Greener (our village sustainability group) for supporting the group in various ways
- Colwall Parish Council for supporting the project, and acting as the Grant recipient for our first grant applications
- The Malvern Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, who have funded the project with 2 grants from their Sustainable Development Fund, financed by Natural England. Particular thanks to Paul Esrich for his support and his patience in sorting out the grant claims
- The National Trust/Natural England 'Orchard Countdown 2010' fund for supporting the project
- Everyone else who has worked with us throughout the year.

All in all, a very successful year, with particularly good progress on orchard management and raising the local profile of orchards.

Helen Stace
Founder
Colwall Orchard Group

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ANNEX 1 COLWALL ORCHARD PROJECT: Highlights 2008/09

Grants

AONB via Colwall Parish Council: £7,020 for tools, Management plans, events and tree purchase

AONB to Colwall Orchard Group: £5,000 for tools, tree planting and costs

National Trust/Natural England 'Orchard Countdown 2010' grant to Colwall Orchard Group. £3,000 for tree planting, planting tools and apple pressing kit

The AONB also purchased an orchard ladder and a generator on behalf of the project.

Volunteers

Number of volunteers now up to 55 (with variable children/grandchildren)

4 social events (3 at the Cottage, 1 at Alehouse), 2 planning events (apple pressing and Wassailing), 5 training days and 3 additional work party days.

Volunteer time is the principle match funding contribution, at least 1453 hours of volunteer time. This was worth £7,633 this year.

Surveys

Bats, fungi, mistletoe tortrix moth

Training days

Mistletoe management, restorative pruning, arboricultural pruning, formative pruning and tree planting

Public events

Colwall Festival – stall at Colwall Greener (no count made)

Fungus Foray – c 22 people

Apple day – c 350 people, good time had by all

Mistletoe Fair – good attendance – raised £400 overall on mistletoe sales

Wassailing – c100 despite storm – good time had by all

Community Evaluation – 17 people

Publicity

Local press – major items in Malvern Gazette (inc 2 front page photos)

Regular pieces in monthly Colwall Clock

Core pages and regular blog on Colwall Greener website

Midlands Today television piece in December 2008

Specialist PR – LBAP conference in June, national orchard conference in September, article in Hereford Nature Trust Newsletter and UK Biodiversity Newsletters.

Issued 2 Newsletters for owners and volunteers (1 still to do)

Liaison with owners

Generally good reception with good working relationship with most of them

12 orchards surveyed in detail and management plans drawn up

Pruning carried out in 8 orchards (approx 120 trees)

50 trees planted in 10 orchards

Liaison with Colwall Primary School

Stand at pre-Christmas stall to advertise Mistletoe Fair

Eekbatik orchard banner

Kit

Purchased full set of pruning tools inc 2 hyauchi and 3 zubat pole saws, full set of tools for tree planting, apple crushing and pressing kit, a juie pasteuriser and various good to support Colwall Orchard Group events

Other

Community Evaluation, using Forum for Future methodology

The Group was formally constituted in December 2008

We have contracted a local designer to produce a logo for the Group

We have supported at least 9 local businesses in the AONB

Annex 3: Review of Publicity for Project

Date	Type of publicity	Copy provided
1 July	Article in Colwall Clock	y
16-17 th July	Display at UK BAP conference	y
20 th July	Stand at Colwall Greener event as the closing item in the Colwall Festival	n
10 th July	Prepared article for National Orchard Forum summer Newsletter	y
8-10 th September	Display and presentation at the national 'Orchards and Groves' conference, and paper in Transactions of the Conference	y
23 rd September	Poster re Fungus Foray at Down's school and in the village	y
26 th September	Paragraph in the Colwall Parish Magazine	y
10 th October	Issued Autumn Newsletter for volunteers, owners and others	y
13 th October	Poster for apple Day	
17 th October	Article in the Malvern Gazette and Ledbury Reporter	y
20 th October	Prepared article for Hereford Nature Trust winter Newsletter	y
24 th October	Article in the Malvern Gazette and Ledbury Reporter re Apple Day	y
1 st December	Slot on BBC Midlands Today re mistletoe cutting	y
4 th December	Poster for mistletoe fair, also used in small version as flyer for the event	y
5 th December	Article in Malvern Gazette to publicise the Mistletoe Fair	y
8 th December	Poster re mistletoe sprigs, for sale at Chase Inn	n
10 th December	Updated article in National Orchard Forum Newsletter	y
14 th	Poster re mistletoe sprigs, for sale at Carol singing	n
21 st	Poster re mistletoe sprigs, for sale at Coddington Christmas trees	n
5 th January	Issued winter Newsletter for volunteers, owners etc	y
15 th January	Article in Malvern Gazette and Ledbury Reporter to advertise Wassailing	y
23 rd January	Article in Malvern Gazette and Ledbury Reporter to report on Wassailing	y
18 th January	Prepared article for the UK Biodiversity Newsletter	y
5 th February	Prepared presentation for the Hereford Recorders meeting, but this was cancelled due to snow, and re-arranged for 25 th April	n
10 February	Article for the March Edition of the Colwall Clock	y
19 th February	Prepared article for a leaflet being produced by Herefordshire and Worcestershire County Council to advertise their Orchard book	y
1 st March	Issued press release for article in Malvern Gazette and Ledbury Reporter to celebrate the first tree planting	y
w/c 7 th March	PR for orchard batik?	Y
10 th March	Piece for April issue of the Colwall clock	d
20 th March	Piece in Malvern Gazette re first trees planted in the orchards	Y
27 th March	Piece in Malvern Gazette re the Eekbatik orchard batik	y

	made by Colwall Primary School Class 3.	
10 th April	Piece for May issue of Colwall Clock	d
14 th March	Piece for April/May edition of 'All about Colwall'	d
27 th March	Piece for Herefordshire BAP Review newsletter	

Xxx Add blogs on Colwall Greener website

Annex 3: Summary of works in separate orchards

Foxgrove

Management Plan prepared.
Noble chafer confirmed 12th February
No work undertaken as yet

Restorative pruning will be done once
cherries are in leaf
8 new trees planted

Picton's

Surveyed for bats and fungi
Management Plan prepared.
Formative pruning of 11 young trees
Restorative pruning of xxx old trees
One dead young tree replaced

Snatford

Surveyed for bats and fungi
Surveyed for mistletoe tortrix moth
(possible leaf mine found)
Management Plan prepared.
Mistletoe management training 21st
November
Filming for BBC1 Midlands Today 1st
December
Pruning training 23rd January (19 trees
pruned)
4 new trees planted

Down's orchard

Surveyed for bats and fungi
Management Plan prepared
Venue for Apple Day 18th October
Formative pruning of 14 young trees
13th February
2 new trees planted

Cummins

Management Plan prepared.
Mistletoe management 12th December
Pruning training 10th January (xxx trees
pruned)
Venue for Wassailing 17th January
17 new trees planted

New winnings

Surveyed for bats and fungi
Management Plan prepared.
General pruning 13th February (xxx
trees pruned)

Old Winnings

Surveyed for bats and fungi
Management Plan prepared.

Fortunes Gate

Management Plan prepared.
Mistletoe management 12th December
Pruning training 10th January (17 trees
pruned)
5 new trees planted

Cowl Barn Lane

Surveyed for fungi

Stamps orchard

Surveyed for bats.
Surveyed for mistletoe tortrix moth

Netherpaths

Management Plan prepared.

Sunfold

Surveyed for fungi
Management Plan prepared.
Restorative pruning 28th March
2 new trees planted

Evendine house (newly discovered)
1 new tree planted

Maybole

Surveyed for fungi
Surveyed for mistletoe tortrix moth
Management Plan prepared.
Restorative pruning 13th March
9 new trees planted

Oldcastle

Surveyed for mistletoe tortrix moth

Broadwood orchard

Surveyed for bats and fungi
Management Plan prepared.

Lamorna Orchard

1 new tree planted.

Annex 4 Local Businesses employed/supported (within AONB)

The Downs School (Malvern College)

Venue for Apple day

Caves Folly Nurseries

Venue for Mistletoe Fair

Contracted to planted 22 trees

Chase Inn

Outlet for mistletoe sprigs

Pedlingham Stores

Outlet for mistletoe

Coddington Christmas Trees

Outlet for mistletoe

Leslie Hitchen Catering

Catering for Wassailing and AGM/Social

Helen Reeves Design

Design Logo

SJS Enterprises (tree planting contractor)

Planted 26 trees

Eekbatik

Batik in Colwall Primary School

The Yew Tree Inn

Point of departure and return venue for the Wassailing.

Spartan Clothing

Purchase of fleeces