

LEAF Update October 2020

Refill Scheme

We have joined the scheme but this remains on hold whilst social distancing continues to be in place as anything which would encourage people to use shops/pubs to ask for water bottle refills would understandably not be well received at this time.

Community Orchard

Progressing well

Map has been drawn identifying all the current shrubs, plant of interest including orchids and trees in the area. Plan for future paths being identified along with areas which require filling in where old allotments were positioned.

Path up to the entrance was cleared by the Probation Service

Probation Service are going to help with maintenance of the paths inside the orchard area.

Clearing of the wooded area of a lot of old rubbish, broken items etc. is planned next along with mending of the gates. Patrick has undertaken temporary repairs to the fencing.

Heather has progressed engagement with the school and wise owls. School teachers and head are planning on visiting the site and taken a few children up there

John has engaged with Tara Castle with regard to change of use for the lease and Tara is drafting amendments to our existing lease and a sub-lease for the occupant of No 3 Nethercote who will be using some of the area as an allotment.

Action plan drawn up of all the tasks needed to be completed which have been identified to date.

Poster/email/facebook post/letter to school parents has been drafted and once reviewed, will be issued to attempt to find volunteers and someone who is an expert in horticulture to provide advice on what trees need to be pruned, retained or removed from the area.

Pruning of rose bushes and some shrubs already undertaken.

Contact made with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and they are going to pass my details to the Wild Landscape Team who will be happy to come out to meet and give us some free advice.