



March 2021

Thackeray Drive field Orchard

Great Boughton Parish Council has been successful in securing funding from Mersey Forest via Cheshire West and Chester Council through the programme **Trees for Climate**. This will see trees planted in Community Forests that span the country, from Yorkshire to Somerset. When mature, the trees will eventually store over 100,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide, the equivalent of over 45,000 trans-Atlantic flights and contributing to meeting the government's net zero by 2050 target.

Our project is to recreate an orchard for community enjoyment, provide more places for nature and biodiversity to thrive, and increase our resident's use of Thackeray Drive field. Subject to stock availability, the following tree and shrubs types are being planted this month: **Apple, Pear, Plum, Cherry, Damson, Crab Apple, Hawthorn, Rowan, Guelder Rose, Raspberries**. Unfortunately due to the current Government restrictions, we are unable to arrange community planting events. However, in the future, we are hopefully of arranging an Annual Apple day along with apple/ pear pressing and other activities.

We are also enhancing the front of Vicars Cross Community Centre with more trees, raised beds complete with flowers and herbs to start with as part of an 'incredible edible' project, along with tree/ shrub planting in the side beds.

We are in touch with the Heritage Lottery regarding funding towards a 'door step heritage project' to celebrate the history and heritage of this site and others we maintain. As we mentioned before, if you have any old photographs of the field, the community centre or the scout hut and any stories of their development, we would like to document these as part of this exciting project.

Please get in touch as we would like to hear your thoughts and ideas, especially if you would like to get in involved or have old photographs etc. that could be useful.

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