

## Allotment, orchard, vineyard and tree nursery report January 2026

The **allotments** are all rented out although some have been abandoned by their tenants and will need to be re-let. There are some that will need considerable work before they can be used for growing. There are fence repairs necessary and a gate to install. Oliver proposes scheduling a work party for 10am on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan to do these jobs. We may need to buy some hinges and other bits for the gate.

Oliver also proposes that we collect allotment rents on the orchard on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

The people who we asked to come and shoot the muntjac that visit the allotments have been recently and there is no news about whether or not they had success. Oliver will ring them to say thank you and to invite them back. Oliver will also email the allotment holders to ask them to stay away when they see the shooter's car there.

The **orchard** has been successfully wassailed so fertility is guaranteed for another year. The Woodlanders group hosted a film-maker from Wales who was employed by the wind farm company that gave the grant to buy the Woodlanders shed. We planted some replacement fruit and nut trees in the autumn of 2024 and all are thriving.

The **tree nursery** has trees ready to plant out and has already supplied several oak for a planting along the path by the church.

The **vineyard** was pruned by the winemakers so is therefore ready for the coming growing season.

The beekeeper has been tending her hives regularly, as planned.