

Report No.

Report to Community and Town Promotions Committee April 2018

Request that the C&TP committee support the use of green space for a community orchard

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To request that the committee consider support a group that want to use of some green space for the planting of some fruit trees for the community.

2. Background

- 2.1 In 2017 the Scout expressed an interest in undertaking some work on planting edible plants for the community and space at St Aldhelm's Mead was used. The project didn't produce food in the way that was hoped, but the Scouts are keen to try more.
- 2.2 Other residents have expressed an interest in starting and caring for a community orchard, some of whom are already training in tree management.
- 2.3 This year Wiltshire Council will be giving away trees to commemorate the end of WWI on the condition that recipients can prove they will be planted properly and looked after.
- 2.4 I would like to support the Scouts and the residents to set up a community orchard that will benefit everyone involved and the wider community, hopefully in partnership with the Town Council.

3. Proposals

- 3.1 That the committee agree, with the appropriate conditions, to support a group that want to use some of the Town Council owned green space to grow fruit for the community by the community.

4. Financial implications and risks

- 4.1 This isn't clear at the moment, other than the risk that the trees will fail.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 That members agree to support in principle the group.