

COMMUNITY FOREST GARDEN – COURT PLACE FARM ALLOTMENTS

Sept 2019

We found a place to love, gave it a name and identity!



Then, having had help from the Payback Team to clear the ground, we started mulching with a vengeance!



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October 2019

The piles of debris were everywhere!



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After a bit of reorganising, the canvas was revealed!



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The team came together to imagine the future...



December 2019

It was time to pollard the Willow Tree



Long branches created the dead hedge and others were bundled to protect the young bushes (once planted) from night-time visitors.



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The Community Forest Garden joined Marston Community Gardening at the start of January, as a project within the Marston Community Gardening portfolio.

January 12th 2020

The dead hedge was formed, providing a neat boundary.



Feb 8th 2020

Planting at last: 6 fruit trees, 20 currant bushes, 20 raspberries



March 8th 2020

3 more fruit trees were planted.



And the walnut (Buccaneer), 2.5m tall!



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Mar 17th 2020

The fungal layer!

Plugs were drilled into logs and sealed. Logs were marked L for Lions Mane, S for Shiitake, R for Reishi



A new sign is made to invite passers-by to connect with the Forest Garden.



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Mar 25th 2020

We moved the meeting area to the sun; and the pond 1m East of the original design for better balance of sun and shade.

Antony then shared the unfolding plan.



The pond needs to have time in the shade and time in full sun. A perfect spot was found, marked up and flagged.



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April 1st 2020

The position for compost areas was found and each was covered with carpet.



April 15th 2020

Weeding around the bushes continued; woodchip was placed in mounds around each.



April 19th 2020

The seasonal patch was prepared.

Weeds were chipped off with a shovel then the area sown with spinach and old seeds; broad beans were sown elsewhere.



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Sowing broad beans



Wood Anemone and Blue Bells were planted in the wooded area



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Isobel's beautifully produced signs for the bushes.

