

## Fruity news...

You may remember the news about fruit trees being planted in MuW last Spring

- a new community orchard at St Jude's on the open green space just south of the houses, and the renovation of the Milton Community Orchard near the allotments. (See P 27 in the June/July edition of The Wychwood)



It's wonderful - not only do the trees help provide a healthier environment but some are **bearing fruit** now, five months after planting. Residents of St Jude's and numerous volunteers on the Milton Orchard site have been diligent in caring for the trees especially during the drought. Our thanks to all these lovely people; it was hot and dry for a long time. This year's fruit harvests are very good - this fruit is free for everyone in the community!



There is ***amenity value*** also - go to the Milton Community Orchard and experience this lovely space for picnics, just chatting, or for quiet contemplation...



Finally, another great positive; there are ***early signs of more wildlife***, e.g. hedgehogs appearing around the St Jude's site as it becomes more useful as part of an essential wildlife corridor from the Sarah's Meadow and Calais Field area across to Bruern.

A win, win, win for the residents of Milton!

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