



REPORT TO LANDULPH PARISH COUNCIL - WORKING GROUP UPDATE

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to be considered by Landulph Parish Council.

TITLE	Landulph Orchard Green
DATE OF UPDATE	14 May 2024
ACTIVITIES TO REPORT	<p>Duke Orchard Volunteer Working Day 20 April 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> About 18 volunteers worked hard to get the Duke Orchard ready for opening: installing the gate (completed over 3 days), the entrance crab apple arch, noticeboard, rope barrier with signage and two benches. In addition each picnic area was weeded with woodchip and seating logs added, and many more docks were cut down. <p>Duchess Green Meeting 23 April 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This was a special meeting to go through our successful application for a FIPL grant (or £48,924.84) with Marsh Farm Partnership for Duchess Green. A provisional timeline was discussed as all elements have to be purchased, paid for and installed so that claims can be completed by 31 March 2025. Discussion on the exact positioning and constitution of elements will continue until earthworks start in late June. Further information about the plans to be made available to the community to allow suggestions to be included where possible. Earthworks need to consider a water pipe running across the field. Agreed to temporarily site the accessible composting toilet for Duchess Green in Duke Orchard. <p>Duke Orchard Opening 27 April 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> About 160 people visited the Duke Orchard, with about 80 being present at the official opening from 13:00 Orchard was opened by Martin Howlett (Chair of Tamar Valley National Landscape), Joseph Best, Fleur Pearson and Martin Worth. BioBlitz, choir and free local cider and apple juice were all much appreciated. <p>Picnic 6 May 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A sunny picnic meeting in the two fields discussed the positioning of the field shelter and toilet in Duke Orchard and potential siting of various elements in Duchess Green. <p>Field walk 13 May 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A rainy field walk with Tom Dereham to discuss hedges and planting in the grass in both fields. Tom has given us some seed to try planting in Duke Orchard which is a mix suitable for pollinators and birds. <p>Meeting 13 May 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed that it would be helpful to consolidate money left over in grants into a single pot of money; ideally purchase a wheelbarrow and small wheeling bin. Agreed that it would be preferable for Duchess Green finances to be handled through the Parish Council Marsh Farm have suggested putting the field gate nearer the shed so the Orchard can use the space during events. They are also happy for us to use the shed for storing eg the wheelbarrow.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional benches and logs would be useful to Duke Orchard. • Agreed date (9 June 13:00) and content of next volunteer working day in Duke Orchard: preparation for field shelter & toilet, completion of entrance etc • Agreed to ask geocachers if they want to have a geocache in Duke Orchard. • Discussed implications of advice on hedges and planting for both fields • Agreed to circulate new plan for Duchess Green for all members to consider with onsite visits for discussion at June meeting. • Water pipe is probably blue plastic and should be buried 750mm under the ground but does cross our proposed pond. Testing the water supply is not feasible so agreed to show earthwork contractors plans.
COUNCILLORS INVOLVED	Clare Tagg, Martin Worth
RECOMMENDATIONS (including any communications)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consolidate amounts left in grants (where allowable) with donations to allow for spending on incidentals 2. Manage finances for Duchess Green FIPL grant through the Parish Council. 3. Publicise plans for Duchess Green to seek feedback from the community 4. Announce that Duke Orchard is now open to the community in the newsletter.
COSTS (ie contractor costs, purchase costs, ongoing costs) Detail any funding required from the Parish Council (Landulph Parish Council to consider affordability / budget / precept; and also whether it has the power to spend on this).	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Order accessible composting toilet, blocks to stand it on and finish for the wood – part of Duchess Green FIPL grant £5300 exc VAT 2. Wheelbarrow and a small wheeled bin – about £65 exc VAT 3. Pickets to complete entrance fence – about £40 exc VAT
Date of full Landulph Parish Council	20 May 2024