



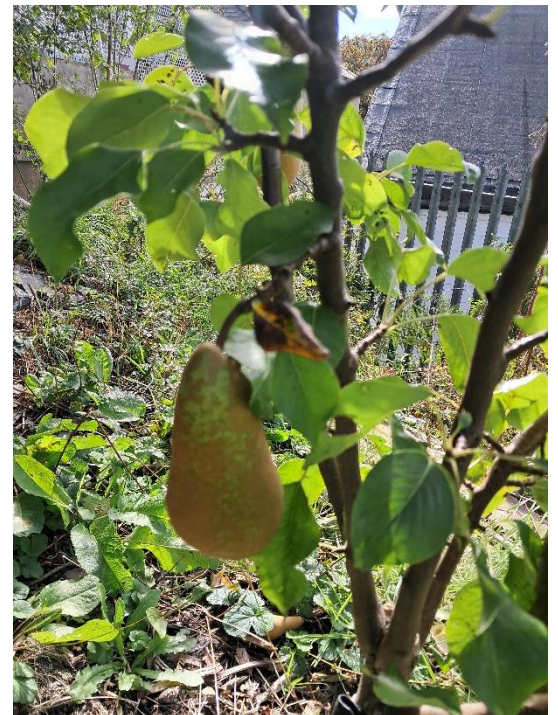
November 2024

The orchard continues to grow and thrive. The young trees were prevented from fruiting this year, but we saw a good crop of pears on an older tree, and the damsons and currants were prolific.

During the last couple of sessions we have focused on creating a weed free area around the base of the espaliers and mulching it with cardboard and bark.



We are careful to capture as much rainfall as possible in the orchard for watering and have four water butts. These have worked well but now need re-levelling.



Thanks to all who help and support.

Orchard care sessions are the **4th Saturday of the month, 10:00am-12:30pm: 23 November, 25 January, 22 February** (note we will take a break in December). **All welcome!**

Activities for upcoming sessions:

- clearing and improving access in 'Robert's Corner'
- finish mulching the espaliers
- winter pruning
- re-levelling the water butts

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