

Frieze Hill Community Orchard

Newsletter, September 2017



We're celebrating!

We are delighted to tell you that the Community Orchard has been awarded the status of Centenary Field in Trust.

The Fields in Trust scheme protects all kinds of outdoor spaces & safeguards them forever. The special designation of **Centenary Field in Trust** is because of the Orchard's associations with the First World War; the Community Orchard land was given to the Council during the First World War with the specific covenant that it be used for local people to grow food during the shortages.

We have a lot to celebrate & we're doing this on our APPLE DAY.



Apple Day

Sunday 8th October 2017

2 - 5 pm

Ceremonials at 2.30 pm

Fields in Trust plaque unveiling

Re-enactment of the giving of the land

apple juicing ~ cider ~ apple & produce stall

Our Centenary Fields in Trust plaque will be unveiled by Councillor Catherine Herbert. There will be a re-enactment, by actors in costume, of the giving of the land in 1918. We will be making apple juice in our hand-operated juicer – bring along your own apples (& plastic bottles) to juice. There will be apples to buy, along with other produce & an apple-themed raffle.

Please come along & support us.

We're concerned

Many of you will have heard about the recent planning application to build a track in the field adjacent to the Community Orchard. The applicants wish to build this track to enable the future building of a SHORT-TERM OPERATIONAL RESOURCE (STOR). A STOR is a fossil-fuelled electricity generating facility designed to contribute electricity to the National Grid during shortages at peak demand. The electricity is generated by diesel or liquid gas fuelled generators & this proposal would mean 50 or more large generators (see photo overleaf) operating adjacent to two local nature reserves – the Community Orchard & Silk Mills. To find out more about this you can read our briefing note

<http://www.communityorchard.org.uk/Friends%20briefing%20160817.pdf> & you can see the Community Orchard's objection & many others (over 80 objections), by looking online at the Council's website at [Planning Applications](#) & keying in the number of the application: **34/17/0016**

The latest information we have about the status of this application is from the Council's Principal Planning Officer:

“The application is being held in abeyance subject to the application which it relates to being registered & consulted on. The access is along the route of the industrial estate access & there is no reasonable reason to object. The issues raised by objectors really relate to the temporary electricity generation for which there is no current proposal. Undoubtedly if there were to be a recommendation of approval here the matter would be considered by committee.

The application will not be determined until the application for temporary electricity generation is submitted & ready to determine. As advised already I cannot advise when as this is down to the applicant.”

When we have any further information, we'll do our best to let you know.

Friends

Friends of Frieze Hill Community Orchard subscriptions give us much needed support & funds. Becoming a Friend costs £7 per person, per calendar year, or £10 for couples.

Friend subscriptions provide most of our income and, importantly, demonstrate that the Orchard has strong support in the community. Our subscription year is January to December & we ask that Friends renew their subscription before or at our AGM in March.

If you join up between September & December this year, your subscription will last until December 2018.

Contact Caroline, our Secretary, carolineturner95@gmail.com

Thanks for your support

Volunteer Maintenance Morning

We welcome volunteers to our 'Volunteer Maintenance Mornings' Refreshments provided. We suggest you bring gardening gloves.

- * Sunday 19th November, 9.00 am (our annual tree planting day)
 - * Sunday 28th January 2018, 9.00 am - Noon
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Wassail 2018



Make no other plans!

Saturday 13th January 2018

5.00 pm

We have a great website:

www.communityorchard.org.uk

& are on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/FriezeHillCommunityOrchard/>



NO STOR

In the field next door!

Contact telephone numbers for the Community Orchard are on our website [Contact Us page](#).

The Community Orchard is in Fairwater Ward (TDBC) & our councillors are: Cllr. Jefferson Horsely, Cllr. Sue Lees & Cllr. Danny Wedderkopp. For SCC our ward is Bishops Hull & Taunton West & Cllr. John West is our County Councillor.