

Gretton Community Orchard





Background.....



In the last year.....



Summer Family Picnic

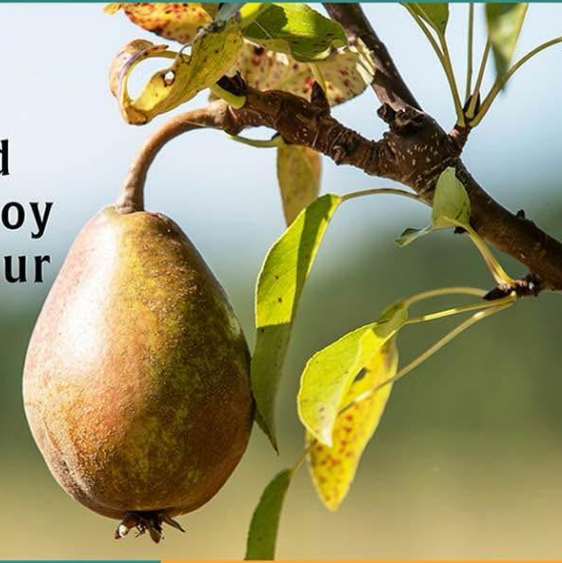
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Sunday August 24, 2025



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Picnic from 2-4 pm



For anyone with mobility difficulties for accessing the Community Orchard, please contact the Gretton Good Neighbours Scheme on 07518 613684

What3words location of Orchard: [///shoelaces.acted.become](https://www.what3words.com/#!/shoelaces.acted.become)



Gretton Wassail



Traditional fun for all ages

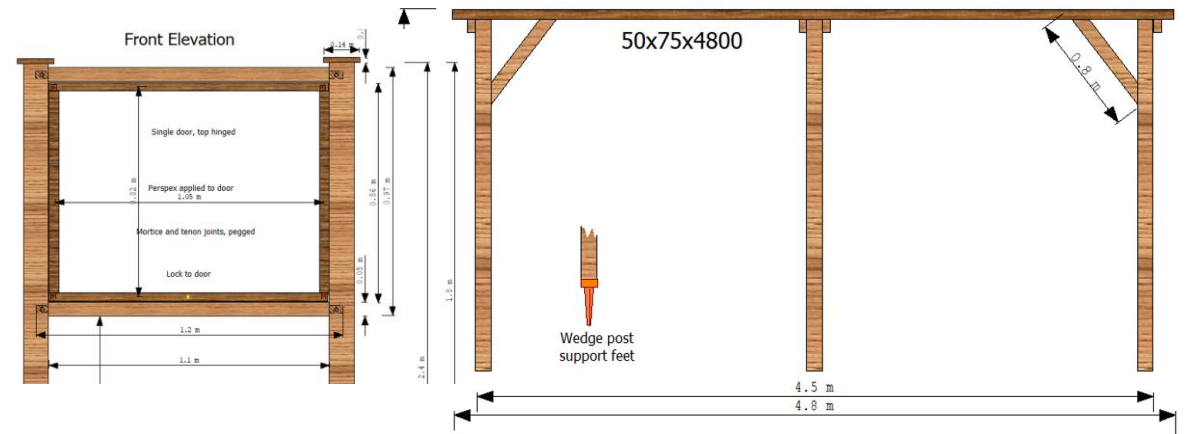
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Getting involved:

- Join the Gretton Community Orchard Facebook Group
- Take a walk and visit the orchard – the blossom is out!
- Come along to the ‘workdays’ advertised - strimming, weeding, mulching, watering, pruning or helping at an event
- Come along to the meetings at the Hatton – 28th May 7:30pm
- Come along and support one of the events



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Gretton Nature Recovery Group





The Group

- Volunteers
- Working closely with Parish Council, Nene Rivers Trust, Rockingham Forest Vision, North Northants Council
- Created the Nature Recovery Policy for the village
- Develop ecological stability and diversity through environmental review and action to engage community with the green spaces in the village
- Applying for grants to complete the projects

Ongoing Projects

- Pick's Playing Field rejuvenation – maintained by the PC
- Community Orchard creation - now managed by a dedicated group
- Recreation Ground - Spring bulb planting
- Cart Dip rejuvenation
- Swift Colonies – boxes
- Gretton's Nature History Trail



Cart Dip

- Stone troughs cleared
- Original drain cleared, guarded and flowing
- Sets cleaned off and reset



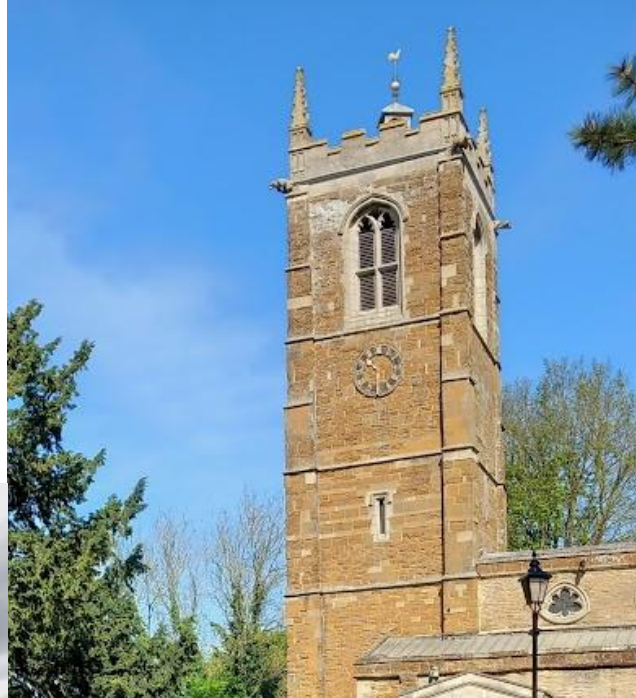
Swift Colonies

- Encouraging diversification of nesting throughout the village
- 32 Boxes built
- 8 more planned this year
- Currently being fitted



Nature and History Trail

- Working with the Gretton History Society
- Bring the history and green spaces together
- Capture the village history
- Printed and online



Wider Roles

- Sara Earl is the **Climate and Nature** representative for Gretton, meeting and working with other volunteers across the County
- We have enrolled in the North Northants Nature Recovery Planning initiatives led by Ian Smets and Sara Stewart
- These will :
 - Provide us with feedback to help ensure we are contributing to the National Nature Recovery Plans
 - Add local knowledge to the Biodiversity Base Map, an evidence-based ecological baseline
 - Provide further possible funding sources
 - Allow us to support neighbouring parishes that are working towards Recovery Plans and projects

How to be Involved:

1

Join the Nature
Recovery
Facebook group

2

Join the group –
speak to one of us

3

Become involved
with one of our
projects