

Item 7.9

Proposal for a small orchard at Abbey Rd south. From Steyning Community Orchard (SCO). Oct 2019. (Part of the wider tree planting proposal for the Abbey Rd open space)

The area we looked at is the western part of the Abbey Rd south site. It is a long rectangular plot of mown grass with brambles and nettles encroaching on the north west side. There is an area at the far end of this plot towards the Church that measures 31m x 16m and is the area identified as most suitable for planting some fruit trees.

- With a generous spacing of 6 metres between semi-dwarfing trees, we could plant around 12 trees here, whilst keeping the central area open.
- Some clearing of nettles, bramble and fallen branches would be needed before planting could take place.
- The new fruit trees could be memorial trees with Council approval.
- No protective post and wire fencing would be required as there are no deer here.
- Mowing would be kept simple with the trees in straight lines.
- The SCO would source and plant the trees. Planting could be phased over several years.
- Occasional SCO work parties would be needed for maintenance

The attached map shows how this would look. The blue area is the proposed site. The red dots are possible tree positions.



Abbey Rd Green Space

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