



Wassail in the Orchard

Following on from an afternoon session pruning the trees in the orchard we made merry at our annual Wassail event in January. It was great to see so many adults and young people from our community joining in the wassail ceremony, blessing the trees in anticipation of a good harvest and enjoying music, apple juice & cider, fire, cake, singing and some beautifully decorated hats!



Torch bearer at Wassail

Seedy Sunday

Seedy Sunday took place in March and, for the first time, was held in Abergavenny Community Centre. This was an opportunity to swap seeds or make a donation for seeds and plants and to hear from Abergavenny resident Sarah Price, RHS Chelsea Gold Medal winning garden designer, who opened the event.

As well as learning how to save your own seeds, you could also make posies, eat cake, make woolly bees, drink Fairtrade tea & coffee, find out about bee-friendly plants, solar power, recycling tools and how we we can enhance our green spaces in Abergavenny!



Seedy Sunday seed swapping

Funding for Orchard

Abergavenny Community Orchard & Gardens was successful in its bid to the Tesco Bags of Help scheme, funded by the 5p charge on plastic bags, which helps community groups enhance local green spaces.

Thanks to all those who voted for us! The funding will enable us to:

- Create a circular path through the Orchard that will make it accessible to all;
- Put in picnic benches;
- Carry out an intensive programme of grassland management with the aim of creating a flower-rich hay meadow;
- Create a pond with access for pond dipping;
- Provide an information board which explains and interprets the orchard with information about the fruit trees and the wildlife;
- Provide training for volunteers;
- Create and print an information leaflet about the orchard.

Sign for Orchard gate

In memory of Laurie Jones we have placed a sign in his name on the gate to the Orchard. The sign is made of oak, from a tree felled in Cyfarthfa Park, Merthyr.



Hay for sale

The orchard will be mowed in the summer and we will have lots of lovely hay for sale. Please tell anyone who may be interested and get in touch if you would like to buy some. Ideal for small pets!

For more information

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