**Chignal & Mashbury Jubilee Community Orchard maintenance programme**

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| **Season** | **Task** | **2013** | **2014** | **2015** | **Beyond** | **Skill needed** | **Equipment needed** | **Materials needed** |
| **Summer** | * Watering
* Mowing of pathways
* Weeding hedge bottoms
* Survey of wild flowers already present
* Check fruit trees for damage
* Watch for pests and diseases
* Harvest Plums, Pears & early Apples (see Fruit Chart)
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| **Autumn** | * Wildflower area resown & plug planted + consider Yellow Rattle
* Select dry period to cut long grass areasTurn cut grassRake and remove cut grass
* Harvest Quinces & main season Apples (see Fruit Chart)
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| **Winter** | * Top off taller new hedgerow plants
* Prune all hedges
* Check whether any coppicing is needed
* Treat shed timber
* Prune apples, pears & quinces
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| **Spring** | * Treat bench timber
* Feeding, mulching and watering in dry spells
* Mowing of pathways
* Prune Plums (not before April)
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