



## Wembury Allotment Association

*Affiliated to NSALG*

Hello fellow gardeners. Here is our latest information update!

### **Wassail 2025 Toast and Trees!!**

The 2025 Wembury Wassail on the 11<sup>th</sup> January was a joyful mix of noise, laughter, and ancient tradition. A score of us grown-ups and kids gathered to wake the orchard, banging pans, ringing bells, and shaking rattles. We sang our hearts out to scare off any lurking evil spirits and encourage a bumper apple crop for the year ahead. (Pictures courtesy Martin Harrison)



The highlight? Tying slices of cider-soaked toast to tree branches, a custom said to attract good spirits (the robins). We also tied bells to the trees to make sure that they would wake up!

We sang the Wassail song in “Fran’s Orchard”, apple juice in hand, sealing the orchard’s blessing. It was loud, enjoyable and unforgettable—long live the Wassail! Hopefully we might see YOU next year! Well done to Mel, Dee and Jan for their part in making this a success!

### **Jobs for February**

Now’s the time to get cracking on the allotment or vegetable garden, even if it’s a bit nippy. Start sowing early crops like tomatoes and peppers indoors, so they’re ready to go when spring shows up. Prune back your fruit trees and shrubs while they’re still dormant, clear any old debris, and get some compost down on the beds. Keep an eye on your plants that need winter protection and make sure your tools are sorted. It’s all about getting ahead now to reap the rewards come springtime, which is hopefully not too far away!

### **Apply for Your Plot**

You can apply online at <https://e-voice.org.uk/wemburyallotments/> No matter your experience you will be made welcome. **Our waiting list system favours residents of Wembury Parish.**

Apply for a plot, attend our events, and join our community. See you at the allotments!

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