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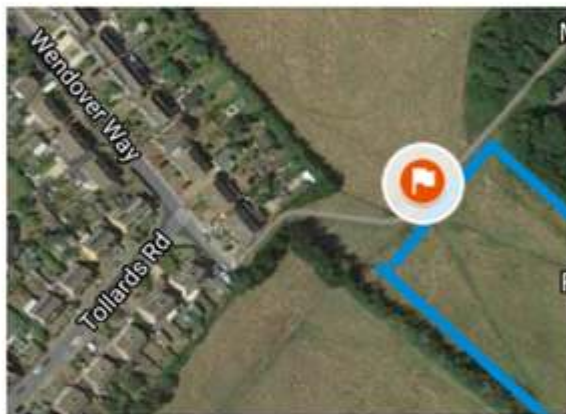


Ludwell
Life

Sharing Enhancing Enjoying Protecting...
Ludwell Valley Park

Come & plant up Ludwell hedges

Fill in gaps in mature hedge. -
essential conservation work



**Sunday
February
11th
11.00am -
1.00pm**

Meet at community orchard field, Ludwell
Valley Park, off Wendover Way EX2 6JQ.
Bring warm clothes, boots, a drink.

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We have finished this season's planting in the community orchard, so now turning our attention to other areas of the valley park. In this last session of the winter conservation season, come and help repair gaps in hedges by planting whips (young small trees) in the gaps. Mature hedges with lots of different native species in them are a vital part of Ludwell Valley's appeal to wildlife, so this is an important job.

Please share this poster through your contacts.

Community orchard - what next?

As you can see in the picture, we now have a very large field, with 12 native Devon apples trees (fruit and cider) planted in one section. That is the very first step to what will become, over the next few years, a beautiful, species rich, people friendly community orchard. Huge thanks to Tesco , Bags of Help, who funded the main work, Exeter City Council and especially Chris Moulton, who provided labour to do the really hard graft of putting in the guard poles, and of course skill and advice, and to all of you who turned out to plant trees, offered cakes, took pictures and generally cheered us on.

What next?

We are now working to raise money to buy more trees for planting next winter, as the ambition is to pretty much fill the field. We are also having discussions with the City Council and Devon Wildlife Trust, (who it is hoped will be taking over management of Ludwell Valley Park sometime this year), about the best way to provide seating in the orchard. Everyone agrees that we want people to be able to sit and enjoy the orchard, but standard park benches aren't the right feel for this space. More on this soon.





Fly tipping and litter - be part of the solution!

These are definitely a problem in Wonford playing fields and parts of Ludwell Valley Park, and the council report that fly tipping is becoming a more severe and frequent problem. But we can all help at least a bit....

First, all of us can pick up a few pieces of litter on our walks in Ludwell Valley, and report dumped rubbish to the City Council. Also, we now have a few volunteers who regularly patrol 'their' area of the park, picking up litter. The other day, Sean collected nearly 8kg of rubbish from one hedge in the valley park. If you would like to be a 'Ludwell Crew member' and offer to litter pick one small area on a regular basis, we would love to hear from you. If you do this, we can arrange for the litter bag to be picked up by the council from spots around the park, so you don't have to lug it. We can all help if we pick up at least a few pieces of litter on our walks.

We are very excited about the new anti-litter and anti-dog fouling posters that have been created by pupils at Wynstream Primary school. We hope that the posters will be ready to use next month.

Below is a sad reminder of why we all need to be part of the solution because the problem is so big...







Professional dog walkers

Regular walkers in Ludwell Valley Park will know that there seem to be ever more professional dog walkers using the park. Some of them have five dogs, and not all of the dogs are under good control. Very few of these dog walkers have identifiable company names, so if there is a problem, it's difficult to know who to go to.

We know that this is bothering some of you. Some councils pass a bye-law which means that anyone walking more than a certain number of dogs in a public space, must have a special licence. And some councils limit the number of licences granted too. Exeter City Council doesn't have a bye-law like this, so anyone can walk any number of dogs in a public place.

We are keeping an eye on this issue as it does seem to be a growing one and would be pleased to hear your views, and any experiences you have in Ludwell involving professional dog walkers.

Housing development in Ludwell - appeal

All objectors have done what they could and submitted comments to the Inspector, and now all we can do is wait to hear the result. Thank you to all who wrote in to the appeal. We will of course update you as soon as there is any news.



Ludwell Life is an independent community group, set up to protect and enhance Ludwell Valley Park
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