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Dear Member

PLANNING & CONSERVATION MATTERS

Good progress has been made on the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP), which is planned to be issued for public consultation on Monday 8 April. The consultation period will last 6 weeks. During this period, the full NDP will be accessible on-line and hard copies will be able to be held for reading at specific locations e.g. at the library. The NDP is important; it guides, but does not determine, all planning decisions relating to land use in the area. It should therefore reflect the views of all stakeholders in the neighbourhood. Accordingly, we strongly urge all residents to respond to the consultation; your opinions need to be taken into account in the process of finalising our NDP. To assist Campden Society members in this respect, we will be issuing further communications in a Members' Newsletter early in the consultation period. We do not intend to provide standard wording for responses, but rather to help you develop your own responses by providing additional explanation of the NDP policies, their consequences, and why they might be important to you.

The Campden Society continue to monitor planning applications for properties in the Chipping Campden and Broad Campden area. In particular, we look at the impact on the surrounding environment, neighbouring properties, potential flooding, parking, traffic flow, the commercial viability, and the heritage of the town.

We encourage everyone to submit individual views about planning applications and local strategy to Cotswold District Council. They are currently conducting two short digital surveys: one is on their Update of the Local Plan designed to make it "green to the core" and the other on the Cotswold Design Code which invites comments on Lady Juliana's View, amongst other recent housing developments. The closing date for these surveys is 24 & 31 March respectively and can be found at www.cotswold.gov.uk/about-the-council/having-your-say/consultations/

WOLDS END ORCHARD

'Bringing In'. If you have been keeping an eye on the Orchard, you might have seen recent activity cutting back some of our veterans. We are lucky to have two experts who are taking on the essential work of 'bringing in' the older tree, where the spread of the branches can become too much in stormy weather when laden with fruit. This process is cutting back the longer branches thereby bringing the centre of gravity and fruiting area closer to the trunk, and is helpful in prolonging the tree's life. We have some grant funding from Cotswolds National Landscape to pay towards employing these experts, who are also taking on the more dangerous high-level work that volunteers cannot do.

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WORK PARTIES : 2nd & 4th Saturdays 10am -12noon There are lots of jobs to get done this winter and there are jobs to fit every level of activity, knowledge and enthusiasm. **Work party mornings are 9 & 23 March – please add to your diaries and consider coming along!** The Orchard’s future and health depends on volunteer support. You can just turn up, but if you want to contact us, email us at foweo2020@gmail.com or contact us through the Friends of Wolds End Orchard Facebook page.

WORKSHOPS We have run two winter pruning workshops, with an evening session on grafting techniques. Look out for summer pruning, scything, and other sessions – drop us a line if you are interested.

Blossom Day A date for your diary – on **Saturday 27 April** we will hold Blossom Day, where people are invited to pay a spring visit to the Orchard and enjoy the beauty of the blossom. Something to look forward to!

Best wishes from Julianne, Geoff, Susie, Mike, John, Geoffrey, Steven and Owen

ART IN THE ORCHARD : We have decided to try an extra day at the beginning of a week for those of us who find Friday just too busy. In addition, these sessions will be longer to allow people to sit and have lunch in the Orchard. Please remember that dogs are not allowed in the orchard. Spring sessions : **All 1030 - 1530 : Monday 4 & Friday 15 March.** We will be working towards a small display of work inspired by the Orchard in the Spring. Christina Kingsmill.

SOCIETY NEWS

Our AGM this year will be held on **Thursday 25 April** in the Town Hall. We have two vacancies on the Society’s main committee. If you would like to consider joining us and support the charity’s work, do get in touch.

With our best wishes

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Wolds End Apple Juice is now available to purchase. We can deliver cases at a discounted price to Campden Society members : 6 bottles at £20 or 12 at £40 in the Campden area; to purchase, please contact Geoffrey White on 0781 500 5879 or geoffreymwhite@gmail.com