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# **Management Protocol – Rope Walk Meadow/ Community Orchard**

## **Objectives**

The objective of this document is to define the best practice, guidelines, and targets for the management of Rope Walk Meadow/Community Orchard.

The protocol is managed and agreed by the Amenities Committee and implemented by the Clerk and Groundsmen.

## **General Policy**

The policy of the Council is to manage the general environment of Rope Walk Meadow and Community Orchard.

## **Parish Council Maintenance Policy**

- WPC is responsible for most of the hedgerows, gates and fencing.
- WPC will maintain the ground, cutting orchard grass regularly in the growing season.
- The ground will be inspected, and remedial action taken, should any ground disturbance be found.
- WPC will maintain the trees, hedgerows and wildflowers to encourage wildlife.
- Litter will be collected and disposed of by the Grounds Team.
- Epicormic growth will be cut back and removed annually.
- A path through the meadow will be cut by mower monthly during the growing season.
- The orchard trees will be watered weekly between the months of May and August. The watering rate will be 5litres per week per tree unless there has been significant rainfall.
- Benches will be inspected on a regular basis and any undergrowth will be cleared.
- All proposed changes to the site must be in agreement with the Amenities Committee.

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