



## Wilford Community Orchard Planting

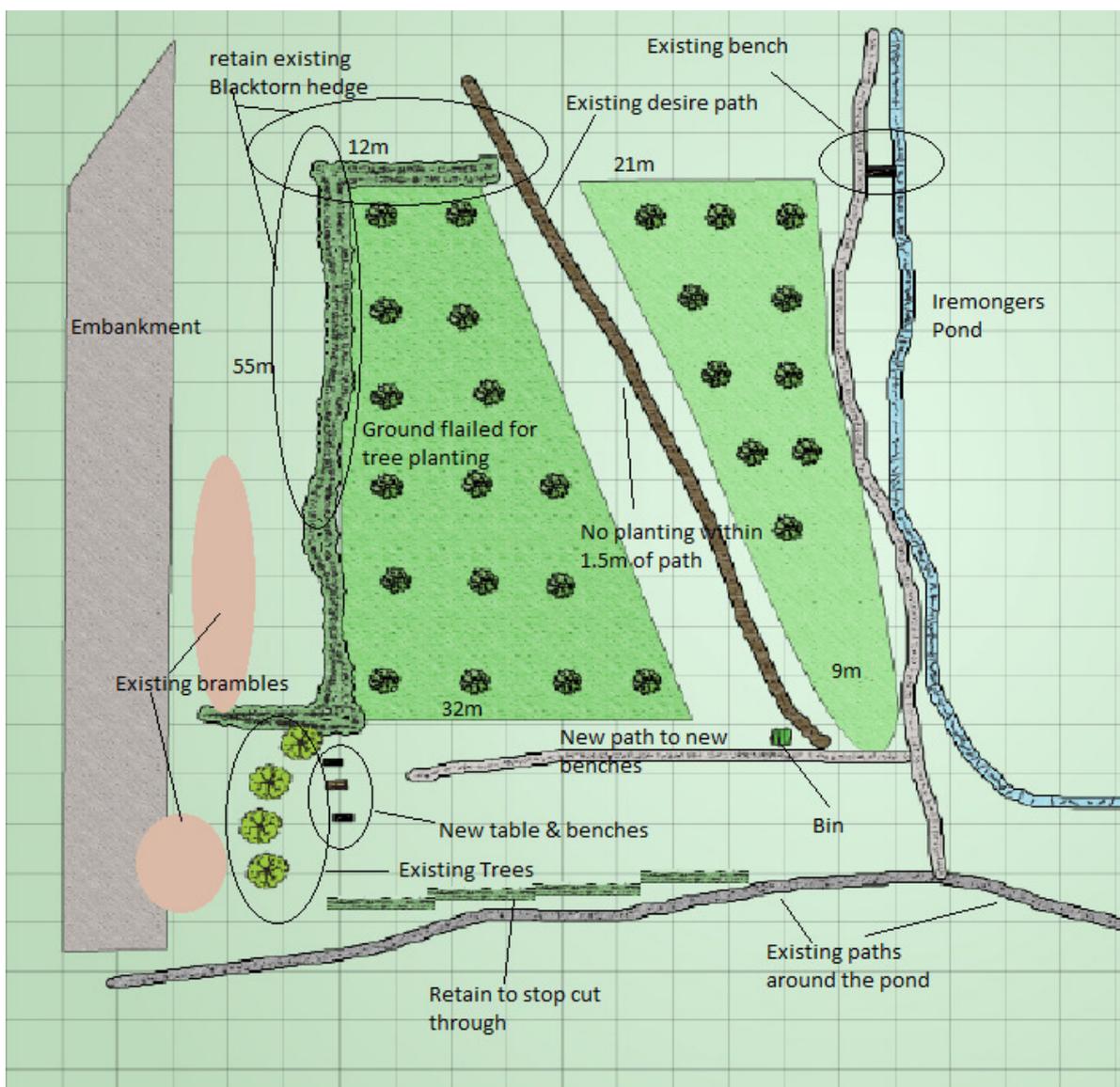
### Overview

This paper provides an overview of the proposed planting area and planting plan as well as the proposed trees that will be planted.

### Planting Area and Plan

The area to be planted is adjacent to Iremongers Pond, between the pond and the tram embankment that holds the Wilford Village trams stop.

Nottingham City Council will arrange for contractors to flail down the marked areas which currently contains grassland and brambles prior to planting to make planting simpler and to reduce the weed growth around the young trees.



As shown above the existing blackthorn hedging will be retained, as will all the existing mature trees. The existing areas of brambles between the Blackthorn hedges and the embankment will also be retained to protect existing wildlife. This plan will provide space for planting of 27 trees in the first year. More trees



may be planted in future years. On the advice of the Local Authority Officers all trees will be planted with a wire tree guard to protect them for the first few years until they are established.

It is planned that later in 2017 a new table and benches will installed at the south end of the orchard with a new path to the benches created to join the existing paths around Iremongers pond.

The trees will be planted with enough spacing to allow benches to be installed between the trees in the future, when the trees are more established.

Signage will be developed with the Iremongers Pond Association to show the orchard and the wider Pond area.

## Trees to be planted

After consulting the Local Authority Officers a mixture of fruit and nut trees will be planted with the relevant pollinator groups catered for. This should provide a harvest that can be used for community projects. The proposed planting will be as follows:

7 x Apple	5 x Plum / Gage
3 x Pear	4 x Cherry
3 x Hazel Nut	1 x Almond
1 x Walnut	1 x Mulberry
1 x Crab Apple	1 x Medlar

The detail of which tree is planted where will be agreed closer to the date of planting.

## Sponsor a tree

If members of the community wish to sponsor a tree, perhaps as a memorial, they are welcome to do so. This will be at a cost of £35 per tree. The tree will be allocated on a first come first serve basis, attempting to match the preference for the type of tree. There are no plans to attach plaques to trees, but a plan of the orchard will be published on the Community Group website showing who has sponsored which tree.

Any money raised will be, held by the Iremongers Pond Association, and used to fund the maintenance and the development of the Orchard.

## Tree Planting

It is proposed to plant the orchard on the weekend of 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> February, subject to the tree order. Assistance from the community for this will be greatly welcomed. More details times will be published closer to the date.

Any money raised will be, held by the Iremongers Pond Association, and used to fund the maintenance and the development of the Orchard.

Jonathan Shewell-Cooper

29<sup>th</sup> January 2017



*Sometimes in apple country you may see  
A ghostly orchard standing all in white,  
Aisles of white trees, white branches, in the green,  
On some still day when the year hangs between  
Winter and spring, and heaven is full of light.*

"The Land" Vita Sackville West