

Shipton Volunteers Get-togethers for 2011

Do join us as we help to keep Shipton-under-Wychwood clean and tidy and a credit to us all. We meet **once a month**, usually on a **Friday or Saturday morning from 9am to noon**. All you need is a pair of wellies! You don't need any special skills and you don't need to be particularly fit, just come along, join in, make new friends, have a coffee and have fun!



Saturday 18th June - Church Path maintenance (child friendly activity).
Friday 22nd July - Church Path maintenance (child friendly activity).
Saturday 23rd July - Selling raffle tickets for the Shipton Village Fete (child friendly activity).
Monday 29th August - Helping with the Shipton Village Fete (child friendly

activity).

Dates to Join Us

Below are our scheduled dates for the rest of 2011 - additional dates may be added.

Saturday 16th April - Annual Litter Pick.

Friday 13th May - Diggers Wood Tidy Up.

Saturday 14th May - Clearing Simon's

Lane Pathway. **Friday 17th June** - Church Path maintenance (child friendly activity).

Friday 16th September - Allotments (child friendly activity).

Saturday 17th September - Allotments (child friendly activity).

Saturday 15th October - Village Green maintenance (child friendly activity).

Saturday 19th November - End of Year Village Tidy Up.

For more details Contact **Abbie Cooke** on: **07810 793390**.

Community Orchard for Shipton

An orchard was planted at the end of Shipton allotment field on 5th March with a mix of ten dessert and culinary apples, three plum and two pear.

Traditional old orchard varieties have been chosen including one grafted from an apple tree over one hundred years old in the old walled garden at Nuneham Courtenay. Only three trees were grafted from it and nothing is known about the variety, so we have been given the mystery to solve. Once identified, we have been asked to make it available at apple fairs. We'd like to thank all those who helped with planting, including some very small children who had very cold fingers! The trees were all sponsored by



local people and most of the materials donated. The orchard will be a further asset on the allotment, helping with pollination and, in due course, give us another 'local produce' resource.

Gwen McConnachie