

# Ruyton XI Towns Parish Council Kings Coronation Community Orchard Survey 2024

Please return to RXIT Parish Council by Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024 see below\*

In December 2023 Shropshire Council received a grant from the Coronation Living Heritage Fund to support tree planting across the county. The Ruyton XI Towns Parish Council agreed with the commemorative and environmental objectives of this project and applied for some fruit trees to be planted on the Jubilee Field near Platt Bridge. Fifteen trees were allocated and were planted in April this year.

However two issues have been raised. Firstly, The Jubilee Field is a 'Field in Trust' and protected for recreational use. Secondly, the area where the majority of trees are planted, although contiguous with the Jubilee Field, is not under Shropshire Council ownership. Prior to spending further effort and money the Parish Council is seeking the opinion of residents on what course of action to take.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email/phone (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

1. Do you currently use the community area near Platt Bridge, commonly known as Jubilee Field, for any recreational activity.
  - a. Frequently (more than once a month)
  - b. Rarely (less than once a month)
  - c. Never
  
2. Are you aware of the small community orchard recently planted there by the Parish Council and volunteers?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
  
3. If retained, would you engage with the community orchard in the village to help maintain it/ use fruit/ educate children or other purpose?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
  
4. We have not been able to identify any other land in Public ownership that would be suitable for replanting. If the trees are removed, do you have a location where all or some of the trees could be replanted to maintain the Community Orchard project?
  - a. Location \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Number of Trees \_\_\_\_\_
  
5. Would you prefer the Parish Council to
  - a. Attempt to gain ownership of the land to retain the orchard in its current location.   
There will be a cost involved in time and money.
  - b. Remove the trees and return the site to its previous condition

\*Copies of this questionnaire are available for download on the Parish Council website <http://www.ruytonxitownsparishcouncil.org.uk> also available at Café XI or can be completed and left at the Village Hall Show. Please return to Café XI by 14<sup>th</sup> September or email completed forms to Parish Clerk ([parishclerk@ruytonxitownsparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@ruytonxitownsparishcouncil.org.uk))