



On **Sunday 16th January** our first work session of the year will take place in the morning and the Wassail celebration in the afternoon. This will enable us to link the preparations for the Wassail with some of the jobs we will be tackling in the morning.

The January Work Session Job List looks like this:

- Hedge cutting - the main task this month
- Repair the gate into the Bee Enclosure
- Cut back the area around the bug hotel
- Tidy and define the edge of the pond
- Tidy tree circles and apply mulch
- A general tidy up as appropriate.
- Prepare for Wassail

Given the amount of hedge we need to tackle it would be helpful if some of you brought along your own secateurs and loppers to supplement the ones we have.

The session will once again have two start times 9.00 and 10.00 with a break for a hot drink later in the morning. There may even be some home made biscuits to crunch or dunk as per your preferred method of consuming.

The Wassail celebrations will commence at 2.00pm. The whole shebang will be led by Martin Maudsley supported by Wylde Morris and miscellaneous others and:

- You can exercise your vocal chords by joining in the singing of the Wassail anthems
- You can witness the crowning of the Wassail King and Queen
- You can enjoy refreshments in the form of warm BCOG apple juice and Dorset Nectar cider.
- You can bring along something with which to make some noise in order to frighten away the orchard demons.
- You can join in the blessing of the trees with bread and cider.
- You can simply enjoy seeing old friends and making new ones in our wonderful Community Orchard.

Looking forward to seeing you at at least one of the events on Sunday 16 January.

All the best and stay safe.

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