

Carlton Gardening Group

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Spring

Orchard	Monitor weeds in paths and Nailstone Rd holly hedge and spray if necessary. Spray round fruit trees. Check whether shrubs along board fences need wire or tying up. Measure and mark where additional spring bulbs will need to be planted in the autumn. Rebuild Nailstone Rd reptile refuge. Tidy up in preparation for <i>Its Your Neighbourhood</i> inspection.
Churchyard	Planting of <i>Carpinus fangiana</i> to mark Coronation – event to be arranged. Monitor all 4 new trees and water as necessary. Lay slabs at corner of church tower for dustbin. Monitor bramble regrowth in cleared areas and spot treat as necessary. Plant <i>Geranium</i> and <i>Polygonatum</i> along fence adj 34 Main St.
Little Lane	Control bramble growth in bare area near seat. Cut back holly bushes to keep path clear; check overhanging branches.
Other	Mark up maps of village with sites for extra daffodils.

Summer

Orchard	Monitor two new oak trees and water as necessary. Cut/remove weeds from woodland areas. Prune plum and damson trees (June). Clear hay from meadow. Treat park bench seat timbers with tung oil and picnic table with preservative.
Churchyard	Monitor all 4 new trees and water when necessary.
Roadsides	Monitor new oak tree at Harry's Grave and water as necessary.
Other	Monitor new elm tree at Manor House Farm and water as necessary.

Autumn

Orchard	Cut Barton Rd hedge; autumn weeding clear-up. Consider entering fruit in Horticultural Show. Prune apple, pear and non-fruit trees. Plant additional bulbs. Sow yellow rattle seeds in wildflower areas.
Churchyard	Remove/treat any new ivy growth on weeping silver birch.
Roadsides	Trim hedges around roadside trees to avoid beheading by mechanical hedgecutters. Plant additional clumps of daffodils.

Winter

Rest and recuperate.