



## Friends of Summers Field

### Newsletter Christmas 2012

One year on from the formation of Friends of Summers Field Ltd, we have planted 18 fruit trees, the Jubilee Oak and 4 benches, so it's starting to look much more like a Community Orchard - many thanks to those who have made donations and helped on the work parties.

We've also replaced the gate knocked down last year with a new full width one which should make the field secure from unauthorised vehicle entry. The large log that has served this purpose to date will be put to good use as an extra bench.

The Cider Fest held at the end of October proved to be very popular and was enjoyed by all, particularly the games organised by Lee Whitbread – he's had much practice in the Officers' Mess apparently. The event raised £487 which we will put towards the annual outgoings (about £1200 per year in rent, insurance, maintenance, etc).

Grants have also been secured from South Glos Council and Big Lottery Awards for All which will enable us to buy a ride-on mower, a secure shed to house it in, the remainder of the trees and seed for the wildflower meadow. These grants can only be used for the purposes specified by the donors though, so we will continue to need donations and membership fees to cover the annual outgoings. In that respect a response form is attached for anyone who would like to make a further donation or apply for/renew membership of the interest group (£10 per year).

Future plans are to plant the remainder of the fruit trees next Spring when we will also start work on the wildflower meadow.

Questions have been raised as to whether children will be allowed to play in the field now that trees have been planted. To dispel any doubts, for our part the management committee welcome children playing in the field which is a recreational facility intended for use by the whole community. However, the football pitch that had been set up on the far side of the field will obviously not be a practical proposition once trees have been planted there next Spring and the use of the field is anyway constrained by the terms of the licences granted to us by the council. Currently these restrict its use strictly to an orchard and wildflower meadow.

A Merry Christmas to one and all.

20/12/2012

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## Response Form

Please complete the relevant section(s) and return to Sandy Higgins at Hill View, Church Road, Doynton BS30 5SU.

### Donation

I wish to make a general donation of £..... to the Community Orchard and Wildflower project and enclose a cheque for this amount payable to Friends of Summers Field Ltd.

### Membership

I wish to apply for/renew membership of the Friends of Summers Field interest group and enclose a cheque for £10 payable to Friends of Summers Field Ltd.

### Gift Aid

I am a UK taxpayer and attach a completed Gift Aid form

I am a UK taxpayer and have previously submitted a Gift Aid form

I am not a UK taxpayer

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Tel No: .....

Email: .....

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**Gift Aid declaration – for past, present & future donations**

To: Friends of Summers Field Limited

Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made

today  in the past 4 years  in the future

Please tick all boxes you wish to apply.

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 28p of tax on every £1 that I gave up to 5 April 2008 and will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give on or after 6 April 2008.

Donor's details

Title \_\_\_\_\_ name or initial(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Full home address \_\_\_\_\_

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Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please notify Friends of Summers Field Limited if you:

- Want to cancel this declaration
- Change your name or home address
- No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.