



# PROBATION SERVICE

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**EXTRAORDINARY TOWN  
COUNCIL MEETING**

**REPORT 58/23**

**13 NOVEMBER 2023**

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The purpose of this Report is to inform Members of the involvement of the Probation Service for the Community Orchard project.

## **NO. DETAILS**

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### **1) BACKGROUND**

- a) Since April this year, the Sustainability and Biodiversity Working Group have been considering a new project for a Community Orchard in Lowtherville.
  - b) After discussions and site meetings with Tony Gillingham at the Isle of Wight Council, land adjacent the already-landscaped community garden at Steephill Down Road was suggested as a suitable location, confirmed by soil samples taken as viable for cultivation.
  - c) Works started on 26 October by the Probation Service, to clear all the green vegetation/bracken from the site ready for planting of fruit trees.
  - d) Members are informed that the Probation Service are prepared to undertake future projects for Ventnor at no cost to the Town Council.
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