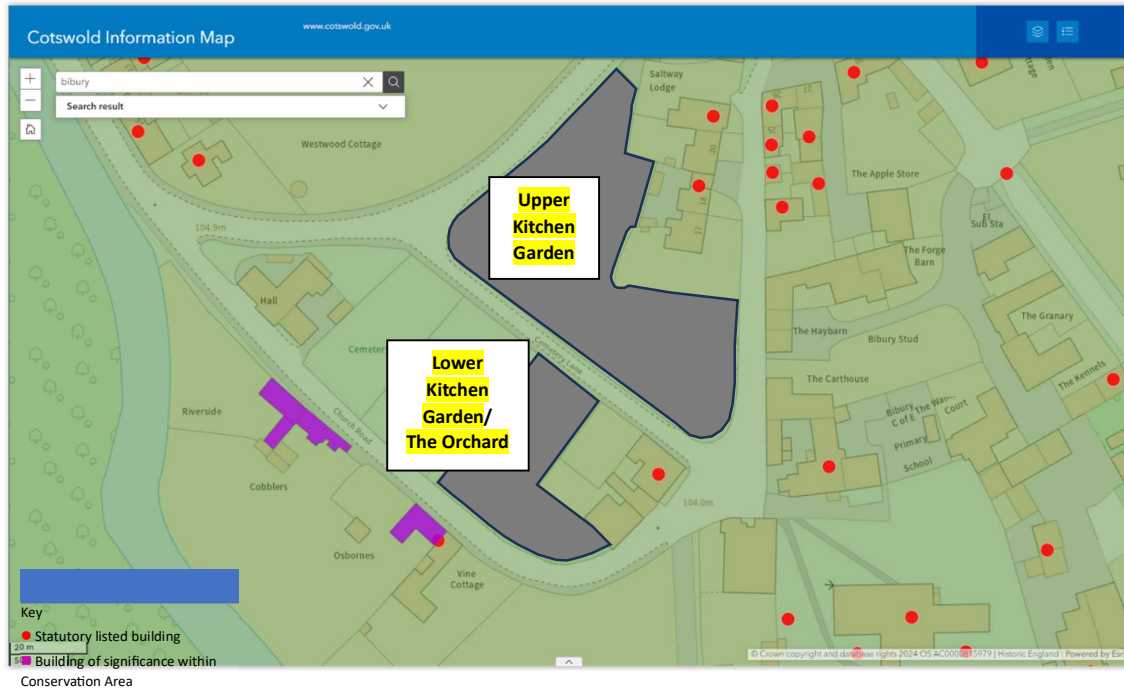


## Application for TPO's in Conservation Area of Bibury

Bibury Allotment Gardens (wrongly identified as such in Bibury Conservation Plan) comprises two discrete land parcels: the 'former Upper Kitchen Garden' north of Cemetery Lane and the 'former Lower Kitchen Garden/ The Orchard' on the south side. These lands are highlighted 'grey' on the CDC village map extract below.



**The objective of Bibury Parish Council is simple:**

Fundamental to achieving our objective is the prevention of further felling of trees within the Bibury Allotment Gardens.

We therefore seek to protect these trees by applying for 'blanket TPO's' (Tree Preservation Orders) for all of the trees currently extant on each land parcel as follows:

### 1. Lower Kitchen Garden/ The Orchard

- 8no. mature apple trees in central section of the Orchard directly behind the Grade II listed properties known as Sherborne Barn and Sherborne Cottage.
- 5no. mature apple trees in the lower section of the Orchard fronting the boundary wall to Church Road and framing the setting of the Grade II listed properties known as Osbornes and Vine Cottage.

The approximate location of each fruit tree is shown on the Ordnance Survey map extract below and denoted by **a green dot**. Also shown are the locations of similar fruit trees which have been felled within the 3 years since May 2021; denoted by **a red dot**.

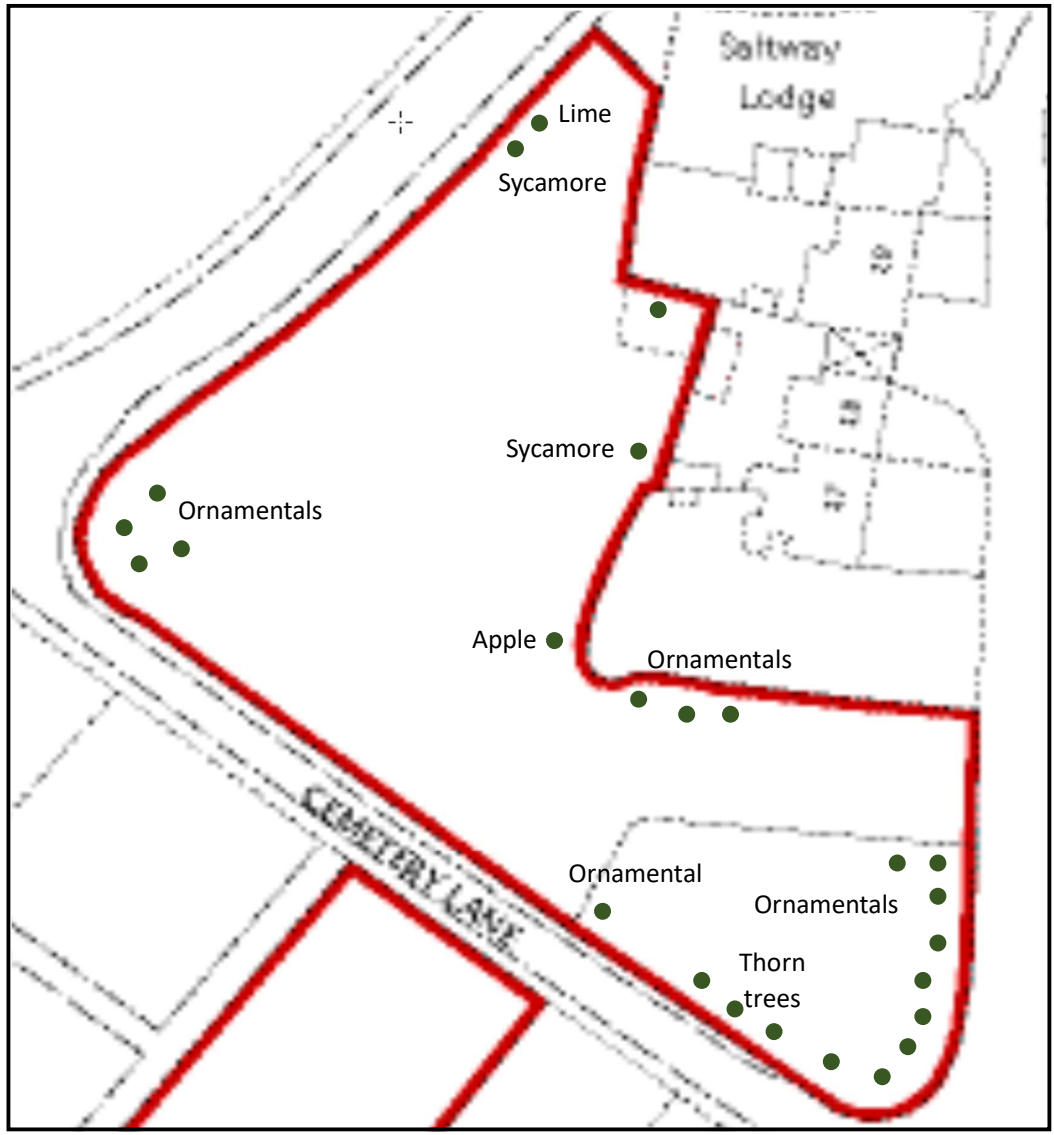


Please note that the felled tree nearest to Cemetery Lane was one of a group of 4no. espalier variety 'Nobles Peach' pears which were trained against the (south facing) boundary wall. **A total of 7no. trees have been lost since May 2021; 35% of the total.**

## 2. Upper Kitchen Garden

- 2no. mature 'veteran' trees adjacent the stone boundary wall at the northern end of the land parcel; sycamore and common lime, both estimated to be in excess of 80-100 years old. These trees frame the vista north along the B4425 road as it climbs towards Bibury Square and The Vicarage beyond.
- 8no. ornamental fruit trees at the south-western corner of the land parcel; overlooking the junction of Cemetery Lane with the B4425 road.
- 6no. trees along the eastern boundary; mature apple, semi-mature sycamore and 4no. mature ornamentals forming the backdrop to Grade II listed Saltway Lodge and 17-18 The Square.
- 13no. semi-mature trees forming a screen along the boundary at the south-east corner of the land parcel; species include ornamental cherry and crab apples.

The approximate locations of these trees are shown on the Ordnance Survey map extract below; each tree is denoted by *a green dot*.



In summary, we wish to protect the 13no. fruit trees surviving from the historic Orchard in the Lower Kitchen Garden and a total of 25no. trees in the former Upper Kitchen Garden. These trees make important visual, habitat and environmental contributions at the heart of our village. Please refer to the various photographs in the Appendix. We would welcome the assistance of the Council’s Conservation Department in assessing each of these trees to establish species, age, health and any particular pruning requirements as we move forward.

On behalf of Bibury Parish Council – 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024

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Councillor Craig Chapman, Chairman

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Mrs Irena Litton, Parish Clerk

**Appendix: Photographs**



*Lower Kitchen Garden viewed from Cemetery Lane entrance (left) and showing Orchard central section (right)*



*Lower section of Orchard with Osbornes/ Vine Cottage beyond (left) and as viewed from Church Road (right)*



*Upper Kitchen Garden with group of 4no. ornamental trees punctuating junction of Cemetery Lane and B4425*



*Upper Kitchen Garden view north: 'veteran' Sycamore and Lime trees highlighted, with eastern screen at right*



*Ornamental tree screen at south-east corner of Upper Kitchen Garden (left) and framing the pivotal view east along Cemetery Lane of St Mary's parish church (Grade I listed) with Church House and Bibury Court beyond*