

INSTALLATION OF TWO NEW BEAUTIFUL BENCHES

Spring 2025



In 2024, the No Man's Orchard (NMO) Management Committee commissioned the making of two replacement 4' benches for the Orchard as the original benches, which had been in place for 10 years, were beyond repair.

These new benches were made by local charity, The Fifth Trust, which supports adults with learning disabilities. The Trust had a number of planks of locally sourced wood, donated by Canterbury City Council, that they were able to use for this project.

The benches have been installed at the edge of the Orchard where the North Downs Way runs, and have already been admired by many walkers as well as regular local visitors to this special place. The design of the benches fits so perfectly with the natural setting in which they have been placed and provide the perfect resting spot for all to enjoy the tranquillity of the nature reserve.



Funded by the NMO Management Committee with thanks to Chartham and Harbledown & Rough Common Parish Councils, the installation of the benches was overseen by Cllr Simon Docherty, Joint Chair of NMO Management Committee, his son Matthew and Ian Sargeant from Mown and Grown, a local contractor.

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