

# Maintenance Pruning

Maintain - size

- shape (ventilation & balance)
- productivity

Keep tools clean (& sharp) --- anti-bac between trees & after cutting out any disease.

Tip bearers --- spur bearers.

Tip bearing apples are rare, so we will ignore.

Winter pruning vs Summer pruning.

- ◆ winter pruning promotes growth.
- ◆ summer pruning promotes fruiting.

Terms

- leaders,
- (fruiting) spurs
- replacement limbs

Remove diseased & overcrowding branches.

Clean cuts

- undercut
- no stumps for die back
- cuts flush to trunk / branch but leave 'healing' collar

Notes at <https://transitionchesterfield.org.uk/inspire/>