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This is a picture i took recently of the bottom of my garden. It is sort of my orchard, as there are five apple trees and a small pear tree in this part of the garden. All five apple trees i inherited when i bought the house 25 years ago. [Mainly cookers]

The picture is taken from the top of my shed roof, when i was up there recently cutting the large beech hedge that hides the shed from the house. The garden is pretty well packed to the gunnels. Up until about three years ago we also managed to fit a trampoline in as well, believe it or not. We joked that ours sons favourite move was the 'Flowerbed Flip'.

When the trampoline went i installed two 8' x 4' deep beds for growing salads and cut flowers, although this year one bed was mainly taken up with a trombone squash. The pond was also relined this year as it had started to leak. Probably due to a few of my sons friends standing in it by accident, when they had parties down here. [Out of sight out of mind.]

Next year the perimeter of the pond will become overgrown, but it is now quite bare. The pond is a haven for frogs, but it needs to accumulate some detritus in the bottom before they will return in numbers. This summer we sat in the little house and watched a female blackbird fly down, pick up a baby frog, hop out onto the stones, dissect the said frog and fly off to feed its babies. A pity really as i would prefer more frogs than blackbirds.

My greenhouse is in the foreground where i propagate all of the vegetables that plant out on the allotment. This time of year [Early October] you can get some nice clear days for photography.

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