



Spring is here. Come and see the snowdrops and crocus along the bridleway.

Once a private Estate known as Porters Park, then a site of a Mental Hospital, Shenley Park is now a unique self-funded Park for all. The Park is steeped in history and hosts an Orchard, Meadow, Woodland walks, Historic buildings and an amazing 2 acre landscaped Walled Garden with an Amphitheatre. The Park is open all year round and is free to use as are the car parks. Events are held throughout the year; it is a perfect base for walks and has a Tea Room that is open daily from 8am.

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We have been so busy in the Park already this year.

We have pruned the mansion orchard, the main orchard and the Walled Garden.

The apple trees have been mulched by Oaklands College students. Before Christmas they helped coppice the wild pockets within the orchard and using these they have created a natural hedge in between the Fairy Trail and the orchard.

The students have been helping in the Walled Garden, a really enthusiastic group that do great work. Thank you also to their tutors for making it happen.

Pot holes have been filled in, paths blown, chippings added to wet areas. Thank you to our staff for their hard work.

## A day of volunteering

Thanks to Nic Day, regional leader of Shenley and Radlett girlguiding we had an action packed day on Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Feb. Girls and their families were invited to put up bird boxes, mulch trees and plant new trees in Cow Banks wood in the morning and in the afternoon we gathered in the orchard to add to the hedgerow planted last year, plant silver birch trees around the meadow and the girls made bird feeders to take home. Thank you to the unit leaders, the girls and their families for an enjoyable worthy day.



## Walled Garden wall

Work is underway to make safe a section of wall by building buttresses on the inside. The Garden remains closed whilst this work is underway.

The concrete buttresses have been made. We are now awaiting approval by the inspectors prior to the brick surround of the pillars.

Updates to re opening of the Walled Garden will be on the website. We do plan to have the Walled Garden open for Mothers Day.



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If you would be interested in helping us plant trees and hedges please get in touch. We do not know as yet when they will arrive but hopefully by March. Families welcome.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Easter Sunday - Easter Egg hunt around the park. Details to follow.



## Tennis Courts

The tennis court situation is ongoing, the subsidence in the corners of the area is very costly to fix. We are hoping to install at least one court back into Shenley Park and are awaiting news of a funding application, as of this month we are still awaiting news. To date we have no new sof the appplication

We will keep you updated here in our newsletters and on our website.

