



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

Shenley Park March 2023 Newsletter 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.







Welcome signs of spring are here, with beautiful crocus and snowdrops along the bridleway. The daffodils are just starting to open up.

### **Orchard**

All of the trees have been mulched thanks to park staff, our recent work experience student and Oaklands College students. There are numbers on some of the trees, this is for us to update our apple list and help ourselves find the right trees.

## Cow Banks Wood

More of the bramble has been cleared, the bluebells are starting to grow.

Birds have been checking out the new boxes which were made by and put up by a range of Rainbows, Brownies and Guides.

We were asked if we could put a bench at the top of the woods for people to be able to have a rest when they got to the top. Using two sections of the recently felled tree from outside the tea room we have made a bench using a plank sourced directly from another woodland.



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## Walled Garden wall



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

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

This inspection is taking some time to happen, we plan to open the Garden whilst we wait then will close it whilst the brick working is carried out. Updates to re opening of the Walled Garden will be on the website.

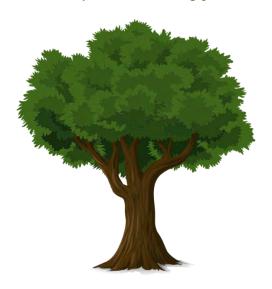
The Walled Garden open for Mothers Day 11-4.

The tea room have a special Mothers Day afternoon tea bookable in advance only. See their website for more details www.intheorchard.co.uk.

# Tree Planting Sat 25<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup> March 2pm.

Would like to plant a tree in Shenley Park? all ages welcome. Please book via email <a href="mailto:shenleypark@gmail.com">shenleypark@gmail.com</a>

All tools provided, bring your own gloves.



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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March Walled Garden open 12-4pm.

Sat 25<sup>th</sup>/ Sun 26<sup>th</sup> March 2pm. Family Tree planting (bookable event).

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



# **Tennis Courts**

The tennis court situation is ongoing, the subsidence in the corners of the area is very costly to fix.

We are looking into having the courts fixed for this summer, more details to follow.

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

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