



Shenley Park August 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.

Walled Garden

After beautiful weather for the jazz concert we unfortunately did not have such good weather for our plays, some rain, some cloud and a bit chilly but this did not stop the Pantaloons giving us 3 amazing performances enjoyed by the brave crowds that came along.

The Garden is enjoying many visitors now the school holidays are here, the fairy doors are great - take a map from the stall to find them all.

Our plant sales have done very well this year and we now have 28 different varieties of chilli for sale. We have had many figs also this year, we sell these freshly picked each day until they are all gone.

Over the next few weeks there will be apples starting to ripen and these will be on sale pre bagged on the stall.

Apple Day is Sunday 15th October 12-4pm.

Around the park

The apples are nearly ready, we will start our picking soon. We do ask that people do not take the apples - the income from them in sales of the apples themselves and the juice we make from them helps pay for the upkeep of the park.

Do look at toward the end of summer notice of our family apple picking days which will be posted around the orchard and on our website. For help picking the apples people can then take some home with them.

Grass cutting

If there are areas of the park that you think should be left long or do not like left long please do get in touch shenleypark@gmail.com, we cannot give assurances that there will be immediate changes but it would be useful to hear your views.

No Mow May is a phenomenon that has grown over the years, unfortunately in many cases areas are left long only to be mown down on the 1st June. This is of no benefit to wildlife and for a full lifecycle the grass would be left until August at least.

We need these wildlife habitats now more than ever so do please bear this in mind.

Tennis courts

We are pleased to be able to say that the trustees of Shenley Park have set aside funds to restore the tennis courts. We are in the process of getting quotes for the works that need to be done. We hope that work may start towards the end of the year ready for next spring, updates will be posted in our newsletters.

Car Parking

We have an overflow car park opposite the main car park that is opened when the main car park becomes busy. If you are planning a large group visit to the park, please get in touch as we have a further overflow car park shenleypark@gmail.com

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How to contact us?

If you would like to ask us a question or report something please either email us shenleypark@gmail.com or call 01923 852629.

If you would like to share your photos of the park please use tags below.

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