



# Shenley Park

Newsletter February 2024

We have been very busy in the park and Walled Garden over the past few weeks.

Selected trees in the orchard have been pruned, there are some more to do. If you would like to come and help us on weekdays please get in touch.

We do not prune every tree each year and also do not prune them much as they are so old. There is a balance to make sure we will still have apples.

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The Walled Garden wall has had the brickwork built up around the concrete buttresses that were built against it last year to stop the lean. We now await the brickwork to be rendered, this is the requirement given to us as the wall is grade 2 listed. We hope that this will be finished in the next week or two and the garden can re open.



We are also having the wall re rendered in the greenhouse garden area, what will become a garden for bees. Work to the final greenhouse is half way there so we are looking forward to being able the area up again once it is complete.



Pruning is well underway in the Walled Garden with a new look to the top terrace. A couple of weeks of dry weather has helped get lots of work done.





2023 saw our appeal for used plant pots and what a response we had, thank you to all of the donations left by the Walled Garden gate. We can still take more so as and when you are having a clear out please bring any plant pots to us. They do not have to be cleaned, leave them by the Walled Garden gate.

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We have many plans for 2024, do keep visiting the website for news of events. We are finalising our programme which will start with an Easter hunt on Easter Sunday closely followed by blossom day.

In June we will be celebrating D Day with a picnic in the park, a joint event with Shenley Parish Council. Sun 9<sup>th</sup> June, 3-6pm, details to follow.

Enjoy the park.