



Shenley Park Newsletter October 2024

Apples

We have harvested around 200 crates of apples so far. These apples have been picked by staff and volunteers at weekends. Some have been juiced and we have sold some through a trolley at the tea room and the honesty stall in the Walled Garden. We have 57 varieties ready for apple day which is Sun 20th October 12-4pm in the Walled Garden.

APPLE DAY this year is Sun 20th October 12-4pm in the Walled Garden. As well as many varieties of apple there will be apple juice for sale together with crafts and childrens activities. Entrance £1 per person (under 3s free).

School visits

We welcomed all of Shenley Primary School down to the park for apple tasting in the Walled Garden. The children all enjoyed the range of apples and it is so good for us to be able to share the history of the orchard and varieties of apple with them.

A year group from Clore Shalom also came for a tour of the orchard and to taste the apples on a not very sunny day. They walked up and managed to miss the rain but really enjoyed the morning.

Tennis

Our courts have been open for 2 month and we have had 220 bookings in this time. We are really pleased that people are enjoying and using them. Please note that this first year we are not permitting private coaching or group lessons on the courts. We shall review the usage over the year and decide on what slots may be made available for coaching purposes next year.

Book a court easily online via [Tennis - Shenley Park](#)



The fence has been moved in to enclose the 2 courts, it was not possible to fix the third court subsidence. This area will be dug up and replaced with grass and trees next autumn time.

Wildlife in the park

We have enjoyed sightings of kestrels, buzzards, red kites, swallows, swifts, bats as well as our usual visitors.

The butterflies have been later this year but are now to be enjoyed in particular in our wilder areas.

Over the autumn/winter period we will be cutting all of the grass areas and cutting the hedges.



If there is a particular area that is problematic please do contact us directly on shenleypark@gmail.com.

Dates for your diaries

Sun 20th October - Apple Day

Sat 4th January 2025 - Wassailing