

Shenley Park Newsletter February 2025

Happy New Year from Shenley Park.

2025 is flying by already and we have been very busy in the park.

We started with a great Wassail on 5<sup>th</sup> January. Thanks to everyone that came and here's hoping for a great crop this year.

We have concentrated on improving the footpath on the lower meadow side as it was very wet and slippery. New drainage has been installed along the top and bottom of the meadow. There is a lot of water running off still bit this is due to the shear amount of rain we have had recently.



The orchard has been selectively pruned by staff and volunteers. We do not prune the old trees hard as they will simply respond in a mass of unproductive growth. We also wish to still get a crop from them so a balance has to be made. We are almost finished for this year but if you would be interested in helping us prune next year please get in touch shenleypark@gmail.com

The overhanging tree growth over the orchard has been cut back which will help the apple trees who were starting to lean towards better light.

The park is very wet everywhere, hopefully we are in for a dry spell soon.



The snowdrops are out near the bridleway and in the Walled Garden.

The Walled Garden is doing well asides from a pond in the amphitheatre, this too will dry out soon.







Looking ahead to Easter we will be holding an Easter hunt again on Easter Sunday, information will be on our website together with details of our Open Air shows this summer.





## Tennis

Our courts have been open for almost a year. We are really pleased that people are enjoying and using them. We did not permit coaching this first year to allow everyone to enjoy them at all times. We shall now review the usage over the year and decide on what slots may be made available for coaching purposes next year. Please note that this is for tennis only. Get in touch if you have any suggestions. shenleypark@gmail.com

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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.

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