



Shenley Park, an independent 45 acre rural Park at the edge of the village of Shenley.



## Celebration of Apples



We did not host our traditional apple day in a large marquee this year, instead we held a smaller outdoor event in the Walled Garden marking National Apple Day with the sale of apples and juice throughout the day.

Despite a rainy start to the day we welcomed over a 1000 people, sold 48 different varieties of apple all from our own orchard and many bottles of apple juice.



Many people came and helped us celebrate a great day, special thanks to Shenley Rainbows, Radlett Rainbows and Radlett Brownies who with their leaders Charlotte Leichman and Nic Day rallied the Rainbow and Brownies families to make amazing cakes, run the tea tent and do apple juicing with children.

**Next years apple event will be on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October.**





Walled Garden produce stall

Our produce stall was a great success this year selling many unusual varieties of chilli plants, perennial garden plants and apple juice.



The stall will continue over the winter period selling apple juice via the cash only honesty box.

If you would like larger quantities of apple juice please contact us

[shenleypark@gmail.com](mailto:shenleypark@gmail.com)

The Walled Garden is now on winter opening hours, Mon-Fri 12-4pm, closed at weekends.

The Garden may be additionally closed in inclement weather.

Weekend opening resumes Easter 2022.



## Stanley Lord Orchard

Our orchard has a long history and is very popular with walkers and families. We ask people not to pick the apples as the money that we make from selling the apples and the juice that we make from them goes directly back into the Park.

We held two very successful apple picking days in September on Sundays. These dates are advertised around the orchard so those that visit the orchard throughout the year get a chance to help us harvest the apples in return for taking some apples home with them. Thank you to all those that came and picked over a hundred cases of apples.

The variety of apples in the orchard means that not all apples are ready at the same time and some of the apples are pollinating trees so the apples produced are best for nature.

Apple trees do also drop fruit before it is ripe and it may sometimes appear to a visitor that does not get a chance to come often that fruit is left and not harvested but this is not the case as regular visitors will know.

The orchard is also a haven for wildlife so nothing is wasted and feasted on night and day.

Our next event is Wassailing on Sun 8<sup>th</sup> January 2022 where we shall bless our orchard with the hope to ensure a good crop next year. More details can be found on our website.



## **Nature news**

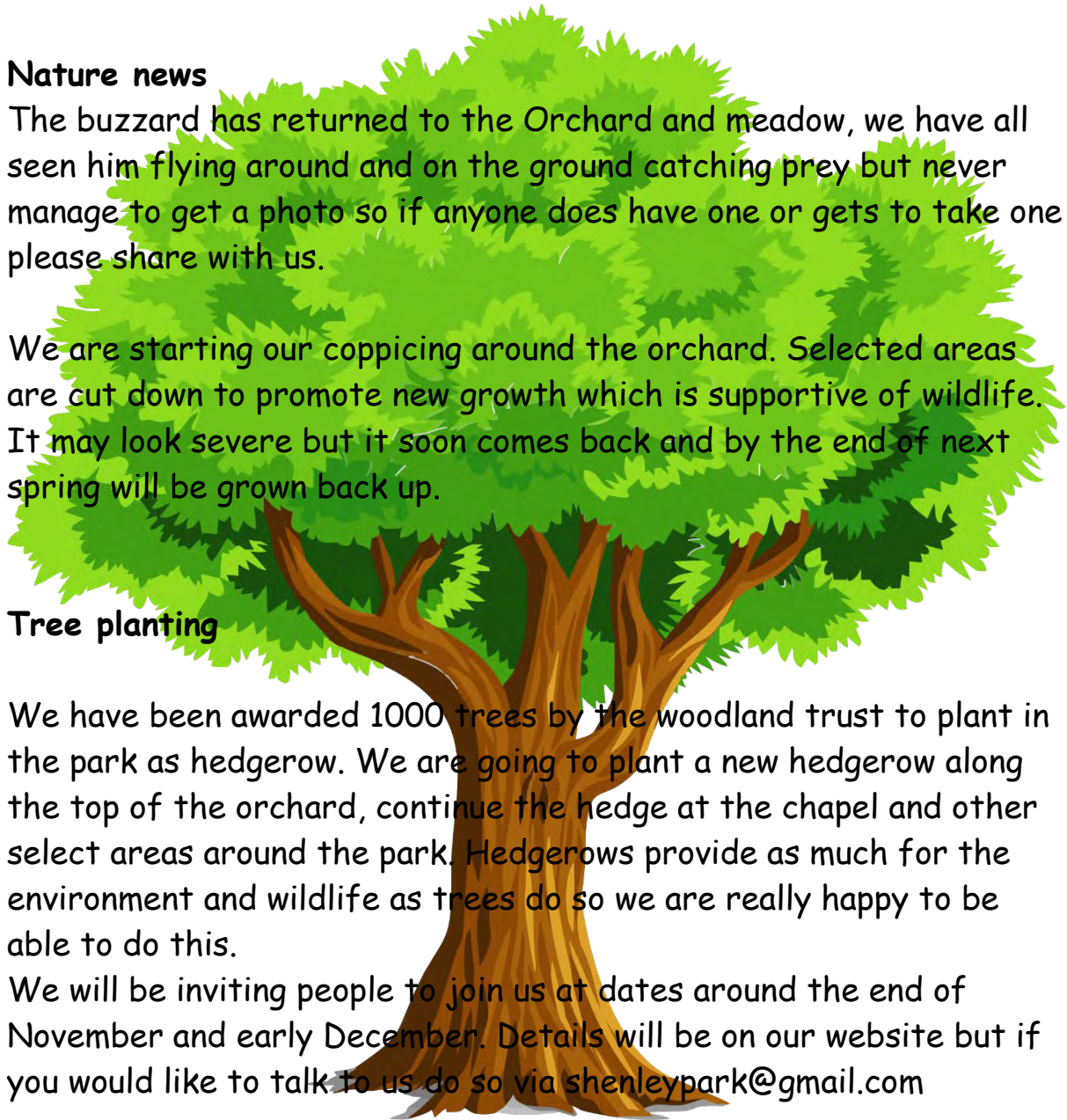
The buzzard has returned to the Orchard and meadow, we have all seen him flying around and on the ground catching prey but never manage to get a photo so if anyone does have one or gets to take one please share with us.

We are starting our coppicing around the orchard. Selected areas are cut down to promote new growth which is supportive of wildlife. It may look severe but it soon comes back and by the end of next spring will be grown back up.

## **Tree planting**

We have been awarded 1000 trees by the woodland trust to plant in the park as hedgerow. We are going to plant a new hedgerow along the top of the orchard, continue the hedge at the chapel and other select areas around the park. Hedgerows provide as much for the environment and wildlife as trees do so we are really happy to be able to do this.

We will be inviting people to join us at dates around the end of November and early December. Details will be on our website but if you would like to talk to us do so via [shenleypark@gmail.com](mailto:shenleypark@gmail.com)





## Tennis

Our courts are out of use due to subsidence issues making them unusable.

The cost of repairing the subsidence issue is huge. The Trust are looking into options for what can be done.

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Shenley Park is managed by the charity Shenley Park Trust, which is self financing receiving no monies from Shenley Parish Council, Hertsmere or Herts County Council. Visit our website for more information about the Park and how to donate if you wish.

Shenley Park Trust is both a Charity and a Limited Company and has a dedicated Board of Trustees who are there in a non operational capacity to oversee that the Charity is managed accordingly. If you would like to get in touch with the Trustees directly please either complete the form in the Tea Room and put it into the box in the foyer or email [trustees@shenleypark.co.uk](mailto:trustees@shenleypark.co.uk)

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The Park is open daily with the main car park open 8-5pm.  
The main play area is open daily, closed at 5pm.  
Café open daily from 8am.  
The Walled Garden is open weekdays only 12-4pm until Easter 2022.