

**Inwood Park – Hounslow –11<sup>th</sup> Oct 21- Alisha Dave**

It was a cloudy Monday morning in Inwood Park, where we started our walk on the wild side. You could tell winter was arriving very soon, perhaps it is time for the gloves and scarves to keep ourselves warm. As we were walking in the park, we passed some people on a bench who were very cheery playing music and having a good laugh, this made us smile. Simon the Park Keeper, whom also made us laugh on our walk telling us his tales of working in Inwood and what its like. Simon is very knowledgeable in all areas of Inwood Park, from the plants, to the shrubs and to the animals that frequent the park. Then we decided to feed some hedgehogs, hedgehog food courtesy of Mairi, the scent I found was very potent, which of course is an advantage for getting the attention of the hedgehogs. Fingers crossed the hedgehogs eat the food before any other wildlife creatures gets it first! There were so many trees in the park, but the one that caught our attention was the one with the little yellow fruits hanging off the branches. We found out that by opening the fruit that it was in fact Bitter Orange as told by Mal. The citrus scent from the Bitter Orange was fresh and we were talking in the group how this scent would make a lovely candle scent. Finally, we came across this lovely plant which Simon told us was called Pheasant Berry, as you can see below, a purple, marron colour, reminded me of the spooky season Halloween approaching.

Oh, and how I could I forget, we saw a *Winnie the Pooh* shaped shrub as done by the awesome Simon – Inwood Park Keeper.

