



FRIENDS OF KINGSBURY WATER PARK

Keep Fit in the Park

Park Run

Lots of Park users have signed up for the 5km. run, where runners compete weekly against themselves.

Register and more information at :-

www.parkrun.org.uk/kingsburywater/

As well as the run being free, you need to register first, runners have free entry to the Park every Saturday morning at 09:00 am too. Very sociable event and what better way to finish off than with a post park run coffee and bacon buttie at the Old Barn Café, (coffee and bacon buttie not free, sadly!)

Still on the keep-fit theme, park users who were surveyed about a Trim Trail in the Water Park (this will consist of about 9 wooden climbing / activities along the tracks and through the woods) - all gave a positive response. hoping to get money to fund the idea. **Watch this space.**

Big Day Out September 14th

<http://bigdayoutwarwickshire.com/category/kingsbury/>

Welly Wanging

The Olympics may be over but you can still show off your athletic prowess by wanging a few wellies at Kingsbury Water Park!

The day promises to be fabulous family fun at Kingsbury Water Park, Bodymoor Heath Lane, Bodymoor Heath, B76 0DY.

Sessions will run at 11am, 1pm and 3pm, for 30 minutes.

This event is for ages 3 plus. Dress appropriately for the weather.

Other things to do include self-led trail, two play areas, orienteering course, walking routes and cycling routes.

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Recent Events

Who Pollinates Our Plants?

An event at the Old Barn Coffee Shop at Kingsbury Water Park on Saturday 24th August. Finding out more about Pollinators and what an important job they do. Did you know that one in three of every mouthful of food we eat depends on hard working pollinators, especially bees!

Bob Gilbert, Master Bee Keeper, demonstrated life in a bee hive and how bees work to pollinate crops for our food.

Plans for a further event on October 27th. Time to be decided

Forthcoming Events

- *Big Day Out Sept 14th*
- *Learn about Bees Oct 27th*
- *Halloween Oct 31st - volunteers required to help please speak to the Rangers.*

Tame Valley Wetlands

A brief introduction

<http://www.discovertamevalley.com/>

In 2012, the Tame Valley Wetlands Partnership was awarded funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) to develop the Tame Valley Wetlands Landscape Partnership (TVWLP) Scheme – a large, landscape-scale scheme covering 95km² in North Warwickshire and south-east Staffordshire, with local people, the River Tame and the area's wealth of built and natural heritage at its heart.

During 2013, the TVWLP Scheme is in its development phase... getting ready to submit a comprehensive 'Landscape Conservation Action Plan' to HLF at the end of the year. This will describe what the scheme will achieve and how it will be done. The scheme will begin in mid 2014 and run for four years with approximately £2.4 million funding – £1.8 million of this from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

There are plans to convert the old football fields, next to the River Tame by the Kingsbury Church entrance to the park, to create a wetlands area to increase plant, animal & bird species.

Plans are also afoot to make the river more accessible by grading the river banks.

Flood Defences

Work is continuing on the erection of flood barriers on the Bodymoore Heath side of the Water Park, probably for a few more months. For those whose access to the Bird Hides have been restricted, hopefully all the work should be finished by early 2014. Thereby allowing access to the Canal and the RSPB site at Middleton.

HS2 Consultations

The HS2 consultation for Phase 2 closes on January 31st 2014, launched July 17th 2013.

If you'd like to have your say go to :-

<http://www.hs2.org.uk/phase-two/route-consultation/document-library>

Or you can also send your response by email to

HS2PhaseTwoRoute@lpsos.com

or post to, you do not need a stamp

Freepost RTEL-YAZX-HAZT
Phase Two Route Consultation
PO Box 1152
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The Wood Spirit

Last but no least
Welcome to the Wood Spirit, who has recently appeared along the Woodland Walk— hopefully bringing good fortune to all who pass by!



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Please complete a park survey at
[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/
VBZVPZR](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VBZVPZR)

The group's aims are –

1. To be the voice of park users. Promoting, lobbying, fundraising, liaising, and negotiating on behalf of park users.
2. To help manage, protect, and improve the park for the benefit of the flora, fauna, visitors, and park users.
3. To promote, assist, and even instigate, activities within the park for the benefit of park users.

Next Friends Meeting at The
Water Park Education Centre on
Wednesday, November 6th 2013

Everybody Welcome

Amenities at the Park

- Old Barn Coffee Shop/café
- Information Centre and Gift shop
- Disabled facilities
- Three mobility scooters for hire
- 5.7 km (3½ miles) of permissive bridleway for horse riding. Permit needed.
- Many water activities (e.g. pedalos, sailing, model boating jet biking, power boating and fishing)
- Dogs allowed under control
- 2 children's play areas
- Nature reserve with 4 bird hides
- Echills Wood Railway, 7¼" gauge miniature railway
- Guided walks and events programme
- Ranger led Children's Birthday Parties
- Camp Site managed by The Camping & Caravaning Club (tel. 01827 874101)
- Broomey Croft Children's Farm (tel. 01827 873844)