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History of Kingsbury Jet Bike Centre.

Kingsbury Jet Bike centre is situated on Hemlingford Water, in the 600 acre grounds of Kingsbury Water Park, one of the biggest lakes in the Country dedicated to personal watercraft. Kingsbury Jet Bike Centre started around 2002. There are 3 main areas -

The area beyond the slipway is for solo skis, an area with deeper water for free-style, learning safely, practice with the knowledge that there are only a small number of skis.



The towing area, a massive piece of water around 10 acres for towing only, so wake boards, knee boards & inflatable's, families with children are more than welcome.

The main lake is where everyone and anyone can ski, more of an oval course with at the bottom end of the lake a sit down ski freestyle area, an amazing piece of water.

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Recent Events

Friends 'Fish 'n Chips Supper & Quiz' Night

Another successful event was held on Friday March 13th (Red Nose Day)

Everybody appeared to have had a good night; £230 was raised from the quiz, raffle & cake sale.

Thanks to everybody who gave their time; helped at the event, donated cakes & raffle prizes.

We're very grateful to Neil, the quiz-master for giving his time; his wife & Paul as scorers; WCC (Kingsbury Water Park) for donating a car pass as the main raffle prize; also to Asda Tamworth for their donations of prizes.

Last, but not least, to Sue for organizing yet another very successful event.

Forthcoming Events

Calendar for 2016—get your seasonal photos of the Park ready.

Another Bee Event planned for August 9th. Watch this space (or the website/Facebook).

The Trim Trail

The Trim Trail has finally opened; the official opening being on Monday, March 30th.



There are 9 activities:1 Burma Bridge 2 Run & Leap

3 Balance Beams 4 Parallel Bars 5 Stride Jumps 6 Gate Climb

7 Chin Una 8 Ah Banah

7 Chin Ups 8 Ab Bench

9 Net Climb

(first & last pictured) taking you along Willows Pools, through the woods to the road close to the Railway Tunnel. Then back through the woods to Far Leys Car Park & finally down the centre path back to Body Moor Heath Water.

More pictures on our website:-

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Or FaceBook:-

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Community Orchard

Planting of the **Hemlingford Green Community Orchard** is under-way, alongside the road opposite Hemlingford Water. Young people from the RSPB joined forces with the Rangers, Volunteers and Friends of Kingsbury Water Park to create the orchard.

50 native fruit trees (apple (Discovery & Bramleys), plum, cherry & pear) are being planted

Alongside these we are planting some of the saplings given by the Woodland Trust to the Friends (hazel, blackthorn, crab apple, dog rose & elder).



Before &..

...After



Edwin's Commemorative Garden

A complete refurbishment of the plaque has been undertaken. Placing a roof over the top & the old plaque has been transferred to the back board to make room for a new one on the lower tray.



Tame Valley Wetlands

A kissing gate by the church bridge has been installed to allow walkers around the River Tame. Also a path is being constructed on the other side between the River Tame & Hemliongford Water.



New trees have also been planted alongside the river bank, (Black Poplars - native species)



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For a chance to win an annual car pass, please complete a park survey at

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ VBZVPZR

Next Friends Meeting at The Water Park Education Centre on Wednesday, April 15th, 2015 at 7 pm.

Everybody Welcome

The group's aims are -

- To be the voice of park users. Promoting, lobbying, fundraising, liaising, and negotiating on behalf of park users.
- 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.

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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 & Caravanning Club (tel. 01827 874101
- Broomey Croft Children's Farm (tel. 01827 873844)