



# FRIENDS OF KINGSBURY WATER PARK

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## History of Midlands Powerboat Racing Club (MPRC).

Formerly known as the Midland Hydroplane club, they share the water with Tamworth Sailing Club, taking alternate days throughout the year.



Next event :-

Kingsbury Grand Prix

Date from: 11 July 2015

Date to: 12 July 2015

Club: Midlands Powerboat Racing Club

2 days of action packed racing as the Midlands Powerboat Racing Club hosts a round of the Powerboat GP RYA British Championships which will be held at Kingsbury Water Park.

Classes Participating:

GT15, GT30, F4, O/Hydro, T850, OSY400

The Midlands Powerboat Racing Club is set in Kingsbury Water Park in Warwickshire. One of the more exciting circuits for racing the MPRC Course remains a firm favourite with the drivers.

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## Recent Events

### TameFest 2015 & Water Park 40th Anniversary



The first ever TameFest took place at The Croft in Coleshill, North Warwickshire on Saturday 23rd May. The Friends were in attendance giving out information packs.

The 40th Anniversary event raised £145 for the Friends group, from a Tombola, badge making & the sale of chainsaw carved toadstools (thanks to James & the Water Park).

## Forthcoming Events

*Calendar for 2016—get your seasonal photos of the Park ready. Closing Date June 30th*

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

## Mobile Changing Places Toilet

The friends of Kingsbury Water Park are pleased to announce that there will be a temporary **Changing Places Toilet** in the park from **13th July to 26th July 2015**. It will be located in the car park next to the Visitor Centre, accessed from the main entrance, Bodymoor Heath Road, Sutton Coldfield B76 0DY. It will be available during normal park opening hours. Radar Key operated. For further details of access contact Kingsbury Water Park Rangers on 07785 522684.



The mobile unit has been kindly loaned to us by Disability Rocks (<http://www.disabilityrocks.org>)

There will also be other activities including a cycling 'taster day' with specially adapted cycles on July 23rd for people with disabilities, provided by Cycling Projects, The National Inclusive Cycling Charity. See [www.cycling.org.uk](http://www.cycling.org.uk)

We are very grateful that **Coventry Building Society** has provided the funding for the hire of a temporary **Changing Places Toilet** this July while the **Friends of Kingsbury Water** continue to work with various partners to seek to establish a permanent **Changing Places Toilet** in KWP. You can support us by downloading and completing the petition on our website or signing a copy at the Visitor Centre the next time you visit. See the Downloads Page on our website [www.FriendsOfKingsburyWaterPark.org.uk](http://www.FriendsOfKingsburyWaterPark.org.uk)

The installation of a permanent **Changing Places Toilet** is an important aspiration to create more access for those disabled people and their carers who need this specialist facility. This will enable more people to enjoy full access to the countryside and to country parks such as

## Chain saw carvings around the Bug Hotel



Ranger James is currently chainsaw carving our giant caterpillar close to the bug hotel. Once complete it will be a great interactive source for children learning about mini-beasts.

Hopefully the stump close by will be carved into some other form of winged insect; maybe ladybird, bee or butterfly.

## Tame Valley Wetlands

The walk around the River Tame is now complete.



This has been constructed by the Tame Wetlands Trust. There is a grassed track from the Kingsbury village side of the river, from the Mill end entrance, through a

gate & follow the river to the Church end. Here you pass through a kissing gate; turn left & cross the bridge over the Tame. Then, another left turn along a hard surface path back to the Mill end entrance of the Water Park.



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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, July 8th, 2015 at 7 pm.

Everybody Welcome

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.

Visit our website at -

[www.FriendsOfKingsburyWaterPark.org.uk](http://www.FriendsOfKingsburyWaterPark.org.uk)

Like our FaceBook page -

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Friends-Of-Kingsbury-Water-Park/204482556428537>

## 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)