



FRIENDS OF KINGSBURY WATER PARK

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Tame Valley Wetlands

A new raised viewing platform with outdoor seating area has been constructed, providing a vantage point for visitors to watch wildlife and acting as an outdoor classroom for local schools. The addition of a pond dipping platform will provide hours of fun for enquiring minds, investigating invertebrate life around the pond margins.

The bird hide was created by Jay Davey Bespoke Willow, from Somerset, using his locally sourced willow.



A Sand Martin bank has also been created on the edge of the pool close to the viewing platform



TameFest 2016 was a huge success, bringing in almost 1,500 people to Kingsbury Water Park on the bank holiday weekend. The annual festival is a celebration of the Tame Valley Wetlands' heritage, with many local businesses, community groups, charities and attractions holding a stall on the day. The stall holders offered free activities such as stone carving, yoga sessions, crafts, games and much more. There was entertainment from Coleshill Town Band and Ansley Morris Dancers, plus our friendly canines were able to enjoy the day, with some of the stalls offering pet accessories.

TameFest is an annual event and it will be returning in 2017, this time in the heart of Tamworth.



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Forthcoming Events

'**Ratburger**' Heartbreak production will be showing at the Water Park on Thursday, July 28th at 5pm. Tickets from the Information Office at the Park.

Bee Event—7th August 2016. A live Beehive will be shown & craft activities for children will be available

Hopefully our 2017 Calendar will be available later in the year.

Recent Events

The Friends Quiz in May raised £335.

Miniature Traction Engine Gathering. Miniature steam road vehicles were to be seen gathering by the stations at Harvesters and Far Leys during the weekend of mid May.

Friends had a day out at Attenborough Nature Centre and Reserve in July.

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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, September 7th, 2016 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.

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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 & Caravaning Club (tel. 01827 874101)
- Broomey Croft Children's Farm (tel. 01827 873844)
- The Granary Tea Room at Broomey Croft (next to the Farm entrance)