

FRIENDS OF KINGSBURY WATER PARK

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Opening of new Changing Places Toilet

Over 30 people braved the rainy weather on Tuesday to attend the official opening of Kingsbury Water Park's new Changing Places Toilet at Broomey Croft. Fortunately for attendees, the rain stopped just at the right time! A few speeches & the cutting of the ribbon was followed by a lovely buffet, provided by the Granary Tea Rooms.

a lengthy trip to join the celebration. They both spoke movingly about the difference that Changing Places facilities can make to families affected by disability and both were so passionate about the campaign that their enthusiasm couldn't help but rub off onto everyone present!



Thanks to Denise & staff for the wonderful food (especially the fantastic 'themed' cup cakes) and to Broomey Croft

Children's Farm for allowing us to spill over into their covered picnic area.



Thanks also to Cllr Andy Jenns for opening the new facility and, of course, to Warwickshire County Council for installing it.

The nationwide Changing Places campaign to improve facilities in all public places is now over 10 years old. There are over 1000 Changing Places toilets across the country. More details can be found on the Changing Places website at www.changing-places.org

Finally, a special thanks to Jane & Gillian from Accessible Derbyshire who made quite

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Forthcoming Events

Halloween Fright Night—October 28. The railway will be operating with spooky rides and a children's Halloween fancy dress competition. The ghosts and zombies will be out after 5:00pm and the main gates will be closed at 7:00pm.

Recent Events

TameFest, Tamworth—May 27th

BioBlitz—July 7th-8th. Bioblitz is a way of monitoring and surveying wildlife, which all the family can enjoy.

Bee Event—13th August 2017. A live Beehive was shown & craft activities for children were available.

Stories from the past 6 months

Live Bee Event, August 2017

Kingsbury Water Park buzzes in the sunshine!

The Education Centre was a 'hive' of activity on Sunday when young park visitors joined the Friends to make rock bees, pom pom bees and bee masks as part of our annual Bee Event. Following this burst of creativity and a Bug Hunt with the Tame Valley Wetlands Partnership, the youngsters made a 'bee line' for the Old Barn Cafe where they were able to see a live bee hive and meet with experts who could answer all their 'bee' related questions.

BroomeyFest August 2017

It was a beautiful day for the BroomeyFest celebration at

Broomey Croft Children's Farm on Bank Holiday Monday. Young visitors displayed a wealth of artistic talent at the Friends' stall, drawing faces on balloons or turning them into a variety of wildlife, including cute little hedgehogs and dormice.

A great big thank you to Broomey Croft Farm who donated proceeds from the tables and donkey rides to the Friends of Kingsbury Water Park!

BioBlitz 2017 Success!

The Wildlife Discovery Day took place on 7/8 July'17, welcoming 78 primary school children from Kingsbury village, a variety of species experts, Rangers from the County Council and the Environ-

ment Agency. Members of the public also entered into the fun, through a range of activities, such as walks, talks and demonstrations, all for free!

The goal for the 24 hour period was to record 300 different species, including mammals, birds, insects, amphibians, plants, trees and fish, in the 6 hectare Community Wetland area at the Country Park, restored and improved by the TVWLPS with the help of local volunteers and thanks to funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Biffa Award, Environment Agency and The Howard Victor Skan Charitable Trust. This goal was 'blown out of the water' with records doubling expectations,

Water Birds Info Board

Thank you to the KWP volunteers for putting in our long-awaited bird information board.

It looks great.....and the birds clearly agree! We'd also like to say thank you to the Tame Valley Wetlands Partnership for helping with this project and for providing match funding via the Heart of England Community Fund.



Visitor Centre Grand Opening

Gateway to the Tame Valley Wetlands -Visitor Centre Grand Opening: July 1st 2017 from 11am to 1pm. Ribbon was cut by the leader of the Council.

We gave out some bird spotter sheets to the children on the day, along with some new 'floating duck food'.



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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, December
6th, 2017 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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<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)
- The Granary Tea Room at Broomey Croft (next to the Farm entrance)