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introduction

Ipswich's Holywells Park is looking better than ever - thanks to a £3.5 million "Parks for People" refurbishment. Holywells is a beautiful open space, with stunning trees and ponds, but also a green hub for the community. There is something for people of all ages to enjoy ...

The park extends over 28 hectares of picturesque grounds with a history dating back to medieval times. The Cobbold family purchased what was the Pitts Farm

estate in 1811 to use the park's spring water for their brewery business. It was the Cobbold Family that renamed the area Holy Wells. The Cobbolds sold the estate in 1930 to Lord Woodbridge who subsequently bequeathed the land to the Town Council and was opened as a park in 1936.

Holywells Park is a designated County Wildlife Site, a Conservation Area with two listed buildings - the Stable Block and conservatory - and is on the English Heritage Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest. Holywells has been designated a Regionally Important Geo-diversity site





Trails

Pick up a leaflet at the Visitor Centre about the different trails in the park. The park offers a nature trail, heritage trail, tree trail and historic photo trail and for the more active a trim trail.

Friends of Holywells Park

Ipswich Borough Council works closely with the Friends, a group of enthusiasts who bring many skills and vision to Holywells. If you want to join them go to www.holywellspark.org.uk

Events

Holywells Park hosts a series of “fun-filled” events through the year from the Holi Festival, Family Fun Days and Ip-art. The Friends also organises a series of events. Pop into the visitor centre to find out about upcoming events.

Activities

Enjoy many activities at the park including Tai Chi, Nordic walking, Gym Club and Health Walks. Details can be found at the Visitor Centre.

Volunteering

There are many opportunities to volunteer at Holywells Park including the Gardening Club and the Volunteer rangers.

The project

The Holywells refurbishment project was largely funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Big Lottery Fund, with contributions from Ipswich Borough Council and the Friends of Holywells Park.

Car Park and Buses

Car parking is available at Athena Hall off Duke Street.

For the latest bus timetables visit www.ipswichbuses.co.uk
www.firstgroup.com

Stable Block visitor centre and cafe

This is an exciting facility and a great place to meet friends before or after exploring the park. The visitor centre will help you to find out more about Holywells and what there is to see, while the new café offers a range of refreshments.

A Changing Place toilet is available at the centre offering a clean and safe environment for use by people with disabilities who cannot use standard accessible toilets including a hoist system, adult changing bed, showers and plenty of space which allows for easy access and use of the facility.

Green Bike Project

This charity cycling “shop” collects and receives unloved bikes and renovates them for sale to the public. Come and pick up a bargain or have your present machine repaired. Please phone 07905 336 111 for further information.

Conservatory

Freed at last from its corrugated iron cloak, the restored Conservatory is an ideal place to hold meetings or other events. Ask at the Visitor Centre for details.

Play area

Families come from all over Ipswich and beyond to enjoy this wonderful play space, now enhanced by an iplay facility for teenagers. Toilets and an ice cream kiosk are on hand so you don't have to climb the hill to the Stable Block.

Outdoor theatre space

The fabulous garden outside the Stable Block and backing on to the Conservatory provides a space for outdoor theatre and community events. This is used as a venue for performers at the Ip-art festival.

