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January 2024



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INFORMATION

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Call in to the Park Visitor Centre or telephone **01952 - 382340**

FOTTP, Telford Town Park Visitor Centre,
Hinkshay Road, Telford, TF3 4EP



TELFORD TOWN PARK Green Flag Award 2023 - 2024



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Front cover: Part of the 12 days of Christmas illuminations in the formal gardens. See page 5.



Editorial January 2024

Well, what a fantastic year the Friends had in 2023!

Firstly, it was our 20th anniversary, then we had the Coronation and the opening of our commemorative garden by the Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire, Anna Turner, a timeline exhibition for 2 weeks in the Southwater library and also I was nominated to be a Coronation Champion. I felt very honoured to have been picked as one of only 5 in Shropshire and one of 500 nationally for this prestigious award. I received a beautiful certificate signed by the King and Queen. My wife and I were also invited to a garden party, hosted by the Lord Lieutenant. In September all the members were invited to a celebration evening at the Ramada Hotel with a lovely buffet and a close up magician. Our most sincere thanks to the Southwater Event Group for sponsoring the evening. We enjoyed talking to lots of visitors during the year who all thought the gardens in the park were fabulous. We also managed to get some members trained in the ancient art of hedge laying, so we hope that more of that will take place this year. We have some exciting plans for 2024 and hope that some more of you will be able to help and support us, by either becoming members and or joining the community lottery, TWINCL, which helps us with funding through the year. Best regards, Chris Pettman, Chairman, FOTTP.

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12 days of Christmas

December 2023 saw the formal gardens decked with fantastic lights and decorations with a theme of the twelve days of Christmas. This was a fantastic show put on by Telford & Wrekin Council and enjoyed by hundreds of visitors. The FOTTP helped by ensuring most of the autumn leaves had been cleared up!



EXOTIC ZOO



Low cost entry fees



**NEW !
Natural History Museum
now open**

**OPEN most days of the year including the cafe.
Check web site for opening times before travel.
Parking available (chargeable) in Dark Lane Car Park
Telford Exotic Zoo TF4 3GZ
www.exoticzoo.co.uk
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TOWN PARK GUIDE BOOK

32 pages only £2



**Grab your
copy soon !**

The Friends have published a new 32 page souvenir guide to Telford Town Park showing all the attractions along with some history of the park and some past events. This guide makes a wonderful souvenir of your visit and has useful information, so that on your next visit you may find out more about the 450 acres of park, woodland, lakes and local nature reserve. The price is just £2 and is available from the Visitor Centre and the Exotic Zoo. Make sure you get your copy.

In case of difficulty please contact us via our web site.

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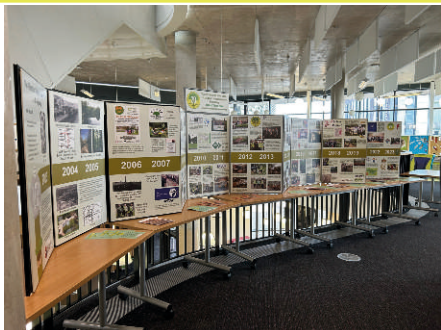
Wonderland

Wonderland in Telford Town Park, fabulous fun for all the family to have a great day out.

See website for opening times.

www.wonderlandmidlands.co.uk

FOTTP Timeline



The FOTTP display on the first floor of Southwater Library

2003

TIMELINE



Southwater Library, Telford
15 - 29 September 2023
10am to 5pm closed Sunday

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Learn about the history and successes
of the Friends of Telford Town Park
over the last 20 years

Southwater Event Group are proud to support
the Friends of Telford Town Park



BBC interview

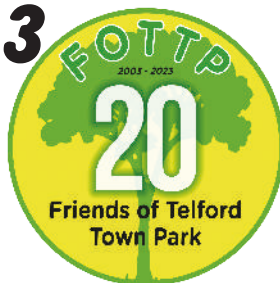


Our founder the late
Joan Noel 1933-2019



The first 5 years

2023



20 successful years



Join us

**No experience
necessary!**




Telford & Wrekin Council's 10 year strategy for Telford Town Park as of January 2024

Telford Town Park Strategic Framework launched

A new Strategic Framework for Telford Town Park has been launched and sets out a ten-year vision for the Town Park which recognises the special quality of the site and looks to building upon existing successes and meet new national and local priorities.

Six key aims for Telford Town Park have been identified in the Strategic Framework:

-  More accessible and connected
-  More engaging and inclusive: work to reduce social and physical barriers and invest in important physical infrastructure, extend the events and activities to make the Town Park a year-round attraction
-  Improving health and wellbeing
-  Enhance biodiversity and heritage: protecting and enhancing the built and natural heritage of the Town Park and supporting a greater range of people to have more contact with the built and natural heritage
-  More sustainable management: look to secure investment in the Town Park and introduce new commercial activities where they will enhance the offer
-  Contributing to a carbon neutral borough: a sustainable approach to managing the Park in line with the council's Carbon Reduction Management Plan

This Framework proposes a draft 'vision' for Telford Town Park, this being that 'Telford Town Park is an accessible, connected and inclusive green space that improves the health and wellbeing, provides connection to nature and heritage for local and regional visitors and contributes to a carbon neutral borough.'



Park News



After some professional hedge laying training a group of the Friends plus the new ranger, Aaron, completed a section of hedging near Stirchley Chimney. It is hoped that the Friends will get more involved again in the larger park and nature reserve this year. If you would like to have a go at this ancient art come and join us.

Details on our website:

www.friendsoftelfordtownpark.org



The anniversary event at the Ramada Hotel last September In the presence of the High Sheriff of Shropshire Mandy Thorn MBE DL

Littleford's Nursery helping your garden grow

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01952 246200 07930 660360
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10% discount for FULL FOTTP members



The Fun Page

WORDSEARCH

Trees and Shrubs

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DOGWOOD
MAHONIA
WALNUT
BUDDLEIA
WILLOW
ASH
FIR
BEECH
CHESTNUT
VIBURNUM

Words can be up,
down, across or
backwards.
Solution on
Page 14

I think jokes about Tofu are tasteless!

I don't leave a carbon footprint - I go everywhere by car!

The term Bio translates as £2 more expensive!

Save energy - laze around on the sofa all day!

How do you recognise a green SUV - by its colour!

If trees could transmit phone signals we would plant more.
As it is, they just give off this oxygen stuff !

Dan Dare was eco friendly in the 1950s - He found the Treens!
(Eagle comic fictional green beings from Venus !)



2023 Fun Run

Sunday 1 December 2024*

** Provisional date*

**Every Air Ambulance
lift off costs over £3,000
Annual target £10 million +**



www.midlandsairambulance.com

Please visit the Midland Air Ambulance Charity web site to check when you can register. Details later this year.

Anyone could have a desperate need for the Air Ambulance because you just never know what is around the corner. This great facility does not receive any government funding and relies entirely on voluntary contributions.

Sunday 1 December 2024*

**In the meantime please continue to support
the Midlands Air Ambulance charity
wherever and whenever you can.**



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Community Lottery

Scan for details

- Help give our fundraising a boost
- Tickets £1 a week
- Win up to £25,000



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Southwater Event Group

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With three hotels, the UK-renowned Telford International Centre and event production specialists Stagecraftuk, the Southwater Event Group is within convenient walking distance from Telford's convention quarter and the stunning Telford Town Park. Join us for a drink or something to eat at our restaurants in the Ramada or Holiday Inn during 2018 and see for yourself why our customer service is consistently rated 9/10 and above.



☎ 01952 527 385

🌐 southwatereventgroup.com

🐦 @SwEventGroup



News



Following the painting of the railings in the Maxell Cherry Garden there are plans afoot for further upgrades and repairs to the gardens. Funding is being sourced and hopefully we will see these improvements happen sometime this year.

New trellis for the Chelsea Gardens to help with security and also enhance the look of the gardens after several changes to the fencing and other structures.



WORDSEARCH



SOLUTION



New compost bins from old pallets!

VISITOR CENTRE



Normal opening hours

Please check the town park web site for up to date details

www.telfordtownpark.co.uk

Telephone: 01952 382340

In case of life threatening emergency when the centre is closed please phone 999 or 112

A defibrillator is available on the adjacent building. Emergency services will give you the unlock code



Parking Dark Lane Car Park- charges apply

November to March 9.0 am - 6 pm

April to October 7.0 am to 8 pm

A variety of information is available from the Visitor Centre when reception is open. Town Park and Trail guides, souvenirs, vending machines for hot drinks and refreshments. Cards accepted as well as coins. **The Place in the Park** cafe is often open at weekends (good weather or an event is on) and during the school holidays. Events are often taking place in the park. Check web site for details.

Telford & Wrekin Council

TOWN PARK EVENTS

Sunday 21 April

Spring into St. Georges

Sunday 26 May

CRUK Race for Life

Fri 23, Sat 24, Sun 25 August

Balloon Fiesta

In addition to the above there will be Graham Stokes Funfair on for some of the school holidays. Check with the web site and Facebook for further information on other events within Telford Town Park.



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