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INFORMATION

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**TELFORD TOWN PARK
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2019 - 2020**

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Memory leaves

WOW!
Over £800
raised



*A big **thank you** to all who helped our Telford 50th Anniversary memory leaf scheme to be a great success. Sixteen charities have benefited with £510 and FOTTP with £300.*

The scheme is now closed to new applications as all our leaves have been purchased. However, due to the success of the scheme, plans are afoot to seek out another 'tree' and some form of 'leaf' during 2020.

Keep an eye on our web site for details at some point next year we hope.



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Fields in Trust



Thank you

A huge thank you to all of you who voted for Telford Town Park in the recent Best UK Park 2019 competition held by Fields in Trust.

Congratulations to the outright winner, for the second time, **Stanley Park in Blackpool** who also won it in 2017.

However, your votes meant that we were the overall winner in the West Midlands out of 24 nominated.

Over the whole of the UK 364 parks were nominated with a staggering 36,832 votes cast in total.

We are sure that this is just going to get bigger and bigger as the UK population generally is realising how important all of our green spaces are, particularly with regard to health and wellbeing, both physical and mental.

If you have not explored the 150 acres of Telford Town Park including its local nature reserve, then please do so. You will be amazed at what it has to offer. There are free maps available from the Visitor Centre and lots of trail markers. Do not forget to take your camera with you, as hopefully in the New Year we will be starting a **monthly photo competition**.

Watch our web site for details.



**UK winner Stanley Park,
Blackpool**



**West Midlands Winner
Telford Town Park**



**West Midlands Runner up
Abbey Park, Evesham**



**West Midlands Runner up
Cae Glas Park, Oswestry**

Garden NEWS



LEAF STEW

Autumn has arrived in the gardens which means plenty of leaf clearing to do and adding to our compost heaps! It's a great time of year though for some winter tidying and of course planning for next year. We will take a break in January as usual and be back just as soon as the weather permits us!

A CANNY IDEA

Work has been going on to make some embossed scales for the fish in the Maxell Cherry Garden out of old drinks cans.

A great recycling scheme and a replacement for the ageing coloured cloth currently covering it. Hopefully this will be completed before the end of the year.



FULL MOON GATE

More plans are in hand, to have a Moon Gate installed in the Maxell Cherry Gardens. This will be a wooden structure and create a walkway through to the woodland walk created last year. There are some more long term ideas for the Maxell Garden improvements and restoration. Please let us know your thoughts on this lovely garden. Eventually we hope to hold another Sakura type festival. See our web site for a video of the one that was held in April 2018.



The Friends work in the formal gardens every Wednesday from 9.15 to 1pm. If you think you might enjoy a spot of light gardening or general help, pop along and have a chat with no obligation.

At 11.0 am you might even get a freshly made cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit !



More garden news



Plan Bee !

The recently installed bee hive in the community garden from Alison's Bee Class has been so successful that another hive is planned.

Several of the Friends have been trained up as beekeepers along with Nicola the Park Manager and the Rangers.

The ultimate plan is to harvest the honey for sale in the Visitor Centre.

In the meantime the bees have settled in very well and have multiplied, hence the need for another hive.

If you are interested in becoming a beekeeper in the Park please contact Nicola on 01952 382340.

We sedum here, we sedum there!

The bubble fountain has had some issues with pebbles being removed and scattered all over the place so we planted some sedums. Once the plants are established, little fingers permitting, it will make a lovely display when the sedum flower. We love people to touch the plants in the sensory garden but please do not pull up ! **Remember the partially sighted who love this garden.**





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The Friends of...



The Friends of Telford Town Park started out in 2002 with just a few members and were formally constituted in 2003. We are now approaching our seventeenth year with over 20 members with lots of projects under our belt and in the pipeline. There is no doubt that in these days of financial difficulties everywhere, the Town Park included, we have made a real difference to the ongoing maintenance of the park for the benefit of the whole community and beyond, including winning some prestigious awards.

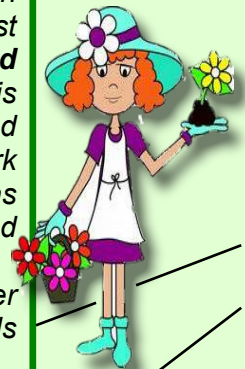
Some of our projects have involved the restoration of the Crannog on Grange Pool, the replacement of the wind vane on the Queens Jubilee Monument, the replacement of the old sensory garden, doing a fair amount of hedge laying and scrub clearing and built a large bug hotel in the Stumpery area of the Chelsea Gardens. The Friends were also heavily involved in obtaining the £49,500 grant funding from SUEZ to reinstate the 2 fountains and the waterfall in the Chelsea and Maxell Gardens, which are now complete, despite some initial glitches and much more besides.....!

If you would like to become a part of this success story, contact us via our website or leave your details at the reception desk in the Visitor Centre. **FULL Membership is FREE** and carries some unique benefits, or you can become a **SUPPORTER member**.

*The Friends operate regular gardening sessions in the formal Gardens. If you would like to help out, just come along any **Wednesday between 9.15am and 1pm** and have a chat. No gardening experience is necessary and we have jobs to suit all tastes and abilities. The satisfaction of seeing your handiwork grow and bloom is a fantastic reward as well as lowering blood pressure and improving physical and mental wellbeing.*

*If you feel you could benefit from helping out, either pop in one Wednesday, go online or leave your details on **01952 - 382340** and we will be in touch.*

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2019 Fun Run

**SUNDAY 1 December 2019
TELFORD TOWN PARK**



**Every Air
Ambulance
call out costs
£2,500**

Annual target £9 million

www.midlandsairambulance.com

This year's fancy dress fun run will be held on
Sunday 1 December 2019 at 12 noon

Open from 10.30am

Please sign up via the Midland Air Ambulance web site as soon as you can and get some sponsors, such as friends, neighbours and work colleagues. Anyone could have the desperate need for the Air Ambulance because you just never know what is just round the corner. This great facility does not receive any government funding and relies entirely on voluntary contributions. So your support is vital for the continuation of this wonderful service. For details of how to register to enter this event, please go to: www.midlandsairambulance.com and click on events.

Whilst the Friends are not organising this years event, we will be supporting it with volunteer staffing. Hope to see you there!

We look forward to seeing some even more outrageous and fun fancy dress costumes and of course lots of sponsorship money.



Some great pictures from the 2018 run



VISITOR CENTRE



*The popular Town Park photo gallery in the Visitor Centre
Installed by the Friends of Telford Town Park January 2019*

Opening hours

Please be aware that the opening times
vary at different times of the year

Telephone: 01952 382340

10.00am - 5pm daily

MAY, JUNE, JULY, AUGUST & School Holidays
(Excluding Christmas and February half term)

10am - 4pm daily

MARCH, APRIL, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER

10.0am - 3pm

NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, JANUARY and FEBRUARY

(Closed every Monday & Friday)

The nearest toilets outside of the above opening times are located in
Telford Ice Rink or SW.1 in Southwater Square.

**In case of life threatening emergency when closed
please phone 999 or 112**



Parking Dark Lane Car Park

November to March 9.0 am - 6pm

April to October 7.0 am to 8 pm



We are very pleased to announce that Henshall's Insurance Brokers have agreed to sponsor us by providing our Public Liability Insurance to July 2020. We would like to thank the all the management and staff for this valuable assistance with the financial running of the Friends of Telford Town Park. See their ad on page 4 and please support our sponsors if you can.



A publicity shot with some of the Friends and Lucy Sutton from Henshall's.



FULL membership Benefits* (Min 12 hours volunteering)

We are most grateful to the following companies who support our FULL membership discount scheme.

The Holiday Inn Revive Leisure Club, St. Quentin Gate, Telford

David Austin Roses, Albrighton

Littleford's Nursery (plants), Ketley

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Telford Town Park, Adventure and Disc Golf

Tina Corfield, Photography

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Did you know ?

In the Chelsea and Maxell Gardens there are 9 different sculptures with some long term plans for more?

There are also 4 fountains and a large waterfall?

There is a SENSORY GARDEN with plants to feel and smell?

Telford Town Park has over 650,000 visitors every year?

There is a TRIM TRAIL for ALL ages in the play area?

There is an ADVENTURE GOLF ground for all ages?

The Park now has a DISC GOLF playing area?

There is a SKY WALK facility through the trees?

There is a 9 acre Queen Elizabeth II ARENA?

A large part of the Park is a Local Nature Reserve?

The Park has 7 large lakes in its 150 hectares (400 acres)?

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Information

TOWN PARK EVENTS

Every Wed 9.15 - 1pm Gardening in Formal Gardens

Every 2nd Wed 12 noon FOTTP Meeting - Visitor Centre
(Except August)

Every Sat morning 9.0am Park Run - Telford Town Park

Saturday 26 October 6.30pm DARK RUN.
See www.eventbrite.co.uk for entry details

Sunday 1 Dec 12 noon
Charity Fancy Dress Fun Run
Midlands Air Ambulance Charity



Register at: www.midlandsairambulance.com

Please check with the Visitor Centre to see if any other
events are taking place in the Town Park
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