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Community & Neighbourhood Forum

176th November 2023

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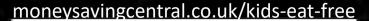
Clive Michael Atkins

2nd July 1933 - 14th October 2023

Sutton Coldfield Crematorium Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 11.30 am



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE OCTOBER HALF TERM 2023





MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

M&S CAFES

Spend £5 & get one free kid's meal Mon - Fri during the Oct Half term (various dates)

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day. Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAVRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 With every adult meal.

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

VOI SUSHI

From Monday 16th October - Friday 27th 2023 kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

BILLS

2 kids eat FREE Monday - Friday from Monday 23rd October - Friday 3rd November 2023

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD IMMS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adulti

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

HUNGBY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

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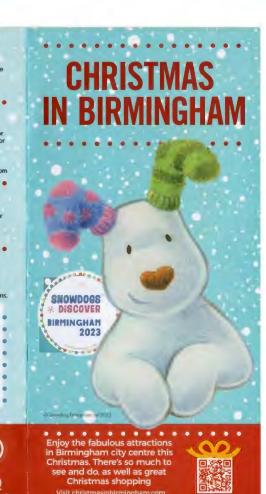
Cllr. Max Hatton max.hatton@suttoncoldfieldtowncouncil.gov.uk



FRANKFURT CHRISTMAS MARKET









The following advertisements may benefit you, or people you know.

Grace Cares is a not-for-profit organisation

which has been set up to support older people, their families and care workers across the UK.

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and leave a better planet for future generations.

One of the ways we support our local community of Lichfield is by holding monthly tea parties for the over 75's which provide vital, life-enhancing social connections for older people at a time in their lives when their social circles are diminishing

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Let's work together





Are you pregnant or have children under the age of 4?

You could get help to buy:

Plain cow's milk Fresh, frozen or tinned fruit and vegetables Fresh, dried, and tinned pulses Infant formula milk You can also get free Healthy Start vitamins.

www.healthystart.nhs.uk





@NHSHealthyStart

What can I buy?

Fruit and vegetables



(V) They can be:

- fresh, frozen or tinned
- whole or chopped
- packaged or loose
- fruit in fruit juice
- fruit or vegetables in water
- fresh, dried or tinned pulses

(X) They cannot:

- have added ingredients like fat (oil), salt, sugar or flavourings
- be juiced or pre-cooked
- be fruits in syrup
- be smoothies

Plain cow's milk



This needs to be plain cow's milk, which is pasteurised, sterilised, long-life or ultraheat treated (UHT).



(X) It cannot be:

- flavoured
- coloured
- evaporated
- condensed
- plant-based milk
- powdered (unless it's stage one infant formula)

Infant formula



It should be:

- suitable from birth
- made from cow's milk

Healthy Start vitamins

You can use your NHS Healthy Start prepaid card to collect free Healthy Start vitamins.

If you live in England, find your nearest vitamin provider on the NHS Healthy Start website: www.healthystart.nhs.uk

If you live in Wales, ask your midwife or health visitor where to collect your vitamins.

If you live in Northern Ireland, we'll send you a letter explaining how to request your vitamins.

Take your prepaid card with you when you

For more information and to apply to the NHS Healthy Start scheme, visit: www.healthystart.nhs.uk

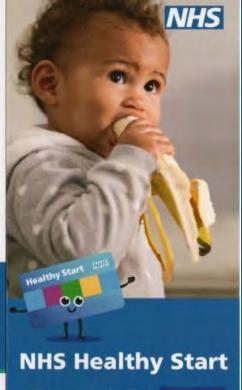
Or call us on 0300 330 7010 8am - 6pm (except public holidays)





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Helping young families on low incomes to access healthy food, milk and vitamins.



What is NHS Healthy Start?

If you're pregnant or have children under the age of four you could get payments every four weeks to spend on:

- fresh, frozen or tinned fruit and vegetables
- infant formula milk
- fresh, dried, and tinned pulses

You could also get free Healthy Start vitamins.

You'll get:

- £4.25 each week of your pregnancy (from the 10th week of your pregnancy)
- £8.50 each week for children from birth to one year old
- £4.25 each week for children between one and four years old

Your money will stop after your child's fourth birthday, or if you no longer receive benefits.



Who can apply?

You could qualify for the NHS Healthy Start scheme if you're at least 10 weeks pregnant or you have at least one child aged under four.

In addition, you must be receiving any of the

- Child Tax Credit (only if your family's annual income is £16,190 or less)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Pension Credit (which includes the child
- Universal Credit (only if your family's takehome pay is £408 or less per month from employment)

You will also be eligible for NHS Healthy Start if:

- you're under 18 and pregnant, even if you are not claiming any benefits
- you claim income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) and are over 10 weeks pregnant
- you or your partner get Working Tax Credit run-on only. (Working Tax Credit run-on is the Working Tax Credit you receive in the four weeks immediately after you have stopped working for 16 hours or more per

How to apply



www.healthystart.nhs.uk



Fill in the online application



Receive your prepaid card in the post



You'll need to activate your card to get your PIN before



Shop for healthy food and milk in most retail stores that sell the eligible food and milk items and accept Mastercard® payments

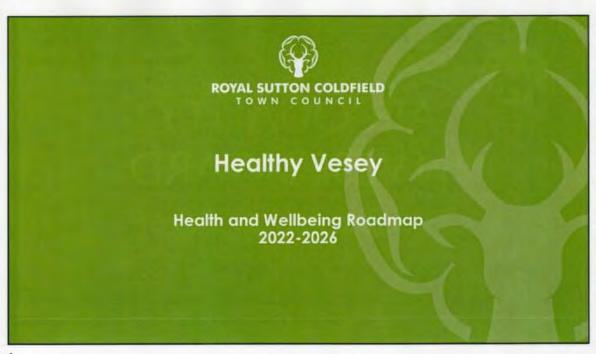


You'll need to insert your card into the card reader and enter your PIN the first time you use your card

Your card will be topped up with your benefit every four weeks.

You can also use your card to collect free Healthy Start vitamins.

Open meeting held at Wylde Green URC on Thursday 23rd November at 7 o'clock.



19:00-20:30

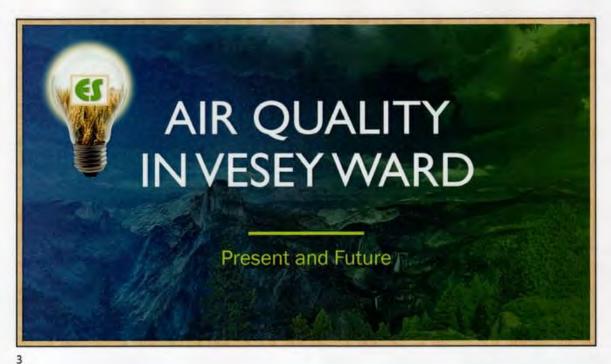
Your chance to hear more about Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council's Health and Wellbeing Roadmap.

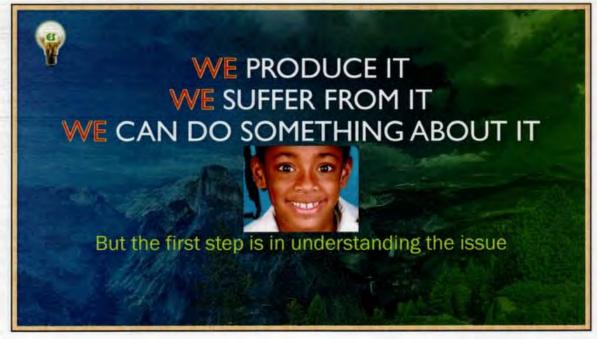
1. Welcome and Introductions
2. A presentation delivered by Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council on the Health and Wellbeing Roadmap and work of the Health and Wellbeing Partnership.

3. A presentation delivered by Eco Sutton.

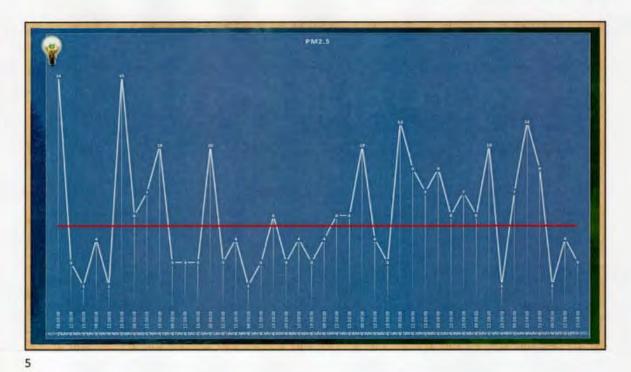
4. A presentation on the 'Healthy Start' Programme.

5. Resident discussions and feedback.





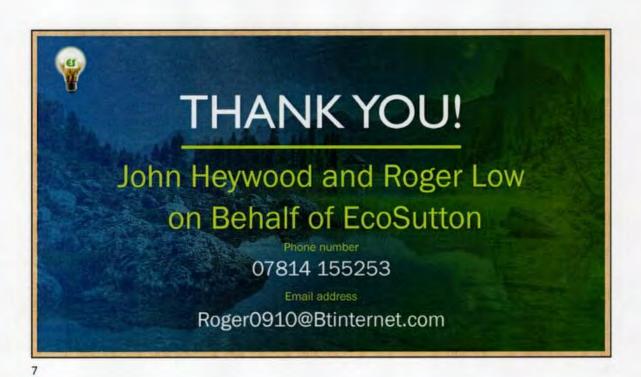
In the graph below the red line is the WHO's recommended maximum pollution level. The pollution levels were recorded in the same place (Boldmere near the junction of Jockey Road and Boldmere Road) at the same time for 14 days.



WHAT CAN WE DO?

Active Travel Plan – A Good Start
Public Awareness – Community Involvement
Discourage SUVs and 4WD
More EV Charging Stations – Double Green Lines
No Idling Outside Schools
Health Positive

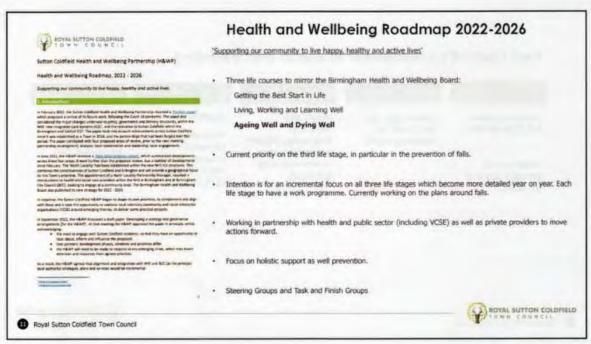
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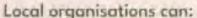


2022 - 2023: distance travelled in <2 years 2023 2022 H&WP review. Advise and support H&WP confirms 'Stay Independent, Council approves Cottage Hospital, Older People's Hub, Stay Strong', community event. Health and focus on Falls and Social Services Wellbeing Roadmap Frailty. deliver drop-ins, in community 2022 - 2026. community venues. engagement work. Proposals to Falls and Frailty, convene: Local Support multi-partner VCSE event Services landing Dementia Friendly workshop. Community status page launched. Older People's awarded to Sutton Forum Coldfield. Fairer Futures December - Co-Fund pilot development of collaborative project on falls and frailty. Warm Places in Sutton Coldfield. ROYAL SUTTON COLDIFIELD Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council





Discover Sutton Coldfield



- Publish information about the services they offer
- 2. Share volunteering opportunities within the local area
- Be more easily found by the people who need them

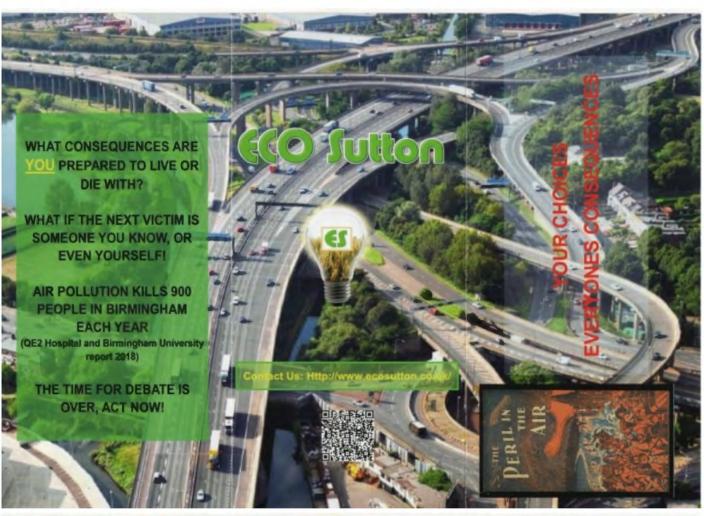
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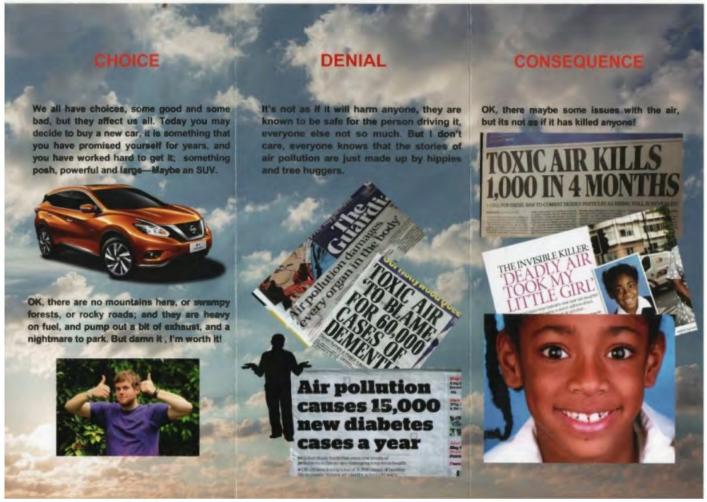
- Learn about our community and what is available
- Search and locate support groups and community activities
- Contact the organisations directly for more information





www.discoversuttoncoldfield.co.uk











Useful Numbers

If you or your loved ones are in need of support, information or advice this Christmas, here is a list of useful numbers for you to call:

Ambulance, Fire and Police	999 or 112
NHS Direct (24 hour helpline)	111
Prescription/Shopping Support (NHS)	0808 196 364

Gas Emergency 0808 196 3646

Local services	Birmingham	Sandwell
Council Tax	0121 303 1113	0121 368 1155
Benefits (Welfare, Housing etc.)	0121 464 7000	0121 368 1155
Anti-Social Behaviour	0121 303 1111	0121 368 1166
Domestic Violence (non-emergency)	0121 303 0368	0121 552 6448
Emergency Duty Team	0121 675 4806	0121 569 2355
Highway/Flooding/Transportation (out of hours only)	0121 303 4149	0121 368 1177
Adult Out of Hours Home Care Services	0121 464 5001	0121 569 2355
Adults and Communities Access Point	0121 303 1234	0121 569 2200





0121 437 0033

info@ageukbirmingham.org.uk www.ageukbirmingham.org.uk

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Here at Age UK Birmingham and Age UK Sandwell, we understand how important it is to look after yourself and your loved ones. We offer a wide range of services to help people in later life.

Information and Advice

From claiming benefits to finding the right residential care, our friendly team of dedicated staff and volunteers, provide free, independent advice and support with:

- · Welfare Benefits.
- · Pension Advice.
- Consumer Problems and Rights.
- · Housing Options.
- · Residential Care.
- · Health Care at Home.
- · Family and Personal Matters.
- Accessing Local Services.
- Complete Forms e.g. Blue Badge, Housing/Council Tax Support etc.
- Make Telephone Calls and Write Letters.

If we are unable to help you, we will put you in touch with someone who can. Contact our information and advice team on 0121 437 0479.

Opening Hours

Our phone lines are open:

Monday - Friday

9:30am - 3:30pm

Please note that the information and advice service does not open on bank holidays.



Information Guides

Age UK produce free information guides and factsheets on a wide variety of topics including money, legal, health and wellbeing, home, care travel and lifestyle. You can find a complete list of all the guides and factsheets at

www.ageuk.org.uk/services/informationadvice/guides-and-factsheets/

Our drop in service is open Monday to Friday 9.30 - 3.30 at Stratford House, Stratford Place. Birmingham B12 OHT.

Or through pre-booked appointments at:

Ann Marie Howes - Every Monday 9.30 - 2.00 (except bank holidays)

Kenrick centre - Every Tuesday 9.30 - 3.30

Oscott Community centre - Every Wednesday 9.30 - 3.30







Are you a carer supporting someone living with dementia? We are here to help.

Come and join us at your local dementia carers hub support group at Falcon Lodge Community Hub, Church Hill Rd, B75 7LB, every Wednesday 1pm to 3pm



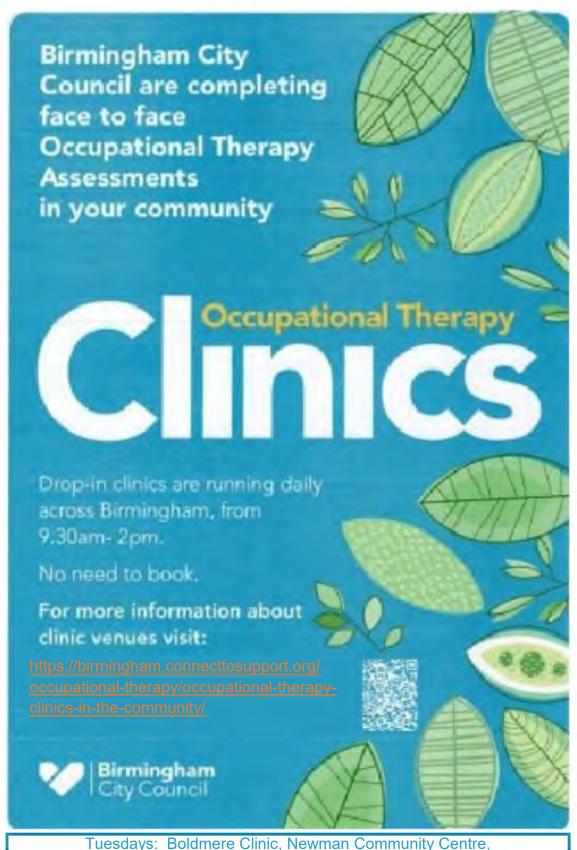
We know that being a carer can be difficult. However, you are not alone and this group provides the chance to meet others on a similar journey, as well as directing you to relevant and practical support

dementiacarerhub@ageukbirmingham.org.uk

 Falcon Lodge Community Hub, Church Hill Rd, B75 7LB

www.ageukbirmingham.org.uk

(4) 0121 437 0033



Tuesdays: Boldmere Clinic, Newman Community Centre, 13a Boldmere Road, Sutton Coldfield, B73 5UY. 9.30 - 3pm

ERDINGTON WELLBEING HUB 196 Migh Street, Erdington 823 659 Tel: 0121 827 6295 Witton Lakes, Gypsy Lane, 823 7XX Tel: 0121 227 3200 Welcome to a new era of service and support for Erdington residents. Perry, Common Community And, Street, Erdington residents. Perry, Common Community And, Street, Erdington Residents of Service and Support for Erdington residents. To 0121 820 935 To 121 820 935



Mercia Grange care home, Sutton Coldfield Coffee, cake & friendship cafe

First Tuesday of every month 2pm - 4pm

Come along to our coffee, cake and friendship cafe! Meet Alzheimer's Society Dementia Advisors and gain valuable support and advice. Join like-minded members of the community, make new friends and enjoy a selection of homebaked treats in our warm cafe. We also have a dementiafriendly barbour on hand to provide your loved one with a unique pampering experience.

Experience a tour of our beautiful care home, whilst our friendly team are always on-hand to provide help and guidance.

Trusted to care.



To attend please call
01214 682 684 or email
rachel.mackay@careuk.com





Sutton Park Grange Care Home Birmingham Road, Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham, B72 1LY www.cinnamoncc.com/suttonparkgrange



www.cinnamoncc.com/suttonparkgrange







British Sign Language (Birmingham)

FREE BSL EVENING CLASSES STARTING SEPT 2023

Banners Gate Community Centre, Sutton Coldfield B73 6UR The Great Barr Community Hub

A 10-week workshops, Virtual learning(online) and face to face(centre) providing you with basic conversational BSL skills to communicate effectively. No experience needed or Level of signing. Come join for some fun learning. Refreshments included. Please phone or email to reserve place HURRY! Limited places

10-week courses delivered by experienced Tutors

Topics such as

- Fingerspelling
- Meeting people
- Questions
- Number/Time/Money
- Weather
- Transport
- · lobs
- Colours
- Family And more



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www.bslsilver.co.uk



Annual health checks for those who are diagnosed with dementia

Hirmingham and Solkhull Integrated Care System

Information for those who are living with dementia, their families, loved ones and carers

Are you a person living with dementia or do you care for somebody that is living with a type of dementia? (for example Alzheimer's disease, Vascular Disease, Frontotemporal Dementia).

Did you know that if you are diagnosed with dementia, you are entitled to a free annual health check. It is important to undertake annual health checks and it is a key part to an individual's care and well-being.

What is an Annual Health check?

An Annual Health Check is a discussion between you and a Health Care
Professional (Nurse, Advanced Health Practitioner, GP) to see how things are
going and offer local support on matters which you may find challenging.



Why do you need an Annual Health Check?

 The health check will help you keep healthy and get the right support you need if there are any changes to your body or the way you are feeling

How do you get an Annual Health Check?

 Each year the patient will be contacted by their registered GP Practice before their annual health check is due. If you provide support to a person living with dementia, and want to arrange an annual health check, then please contact your GP Practice.

What if you want an Annual Health Check but haven't had one?

- You or a member of your family can contact your GP Practice and ask for an Annual Health Check appointment
- Tell your GP Practice that you have dementia so they can give you the right health check

How long does an Annual Health Appointment last?

20-30 mins



What help might you need?

- Ask for help if you feel that you might be distressed about going to the GP Practice by yourself
- If you find it hard to tell the Health Care Professional how you are feeling or are worried about having an health check, you can take a member of your family or someone that knows you well
- Maybe write down a list of questions you might want to ask the Health Care Professional

What heppens during the Annual Health Check?

- The Health Care Professional will ask all about you and how things are at home.
- · Review medication/weight/height and carry out blood tests
- · Identify any changes in behaviour and offer some solutions
- Review planning for the future conversations by identifying a person's wishes and preferences
- Offer personalised support by referring the patient or someone who is caring for them to a number of services including: Dementia advisors, Social support, finance support, Birmingham Carers Hub, Carers Trust Solihull, Alzheimer's Society, Memory Assessment Service

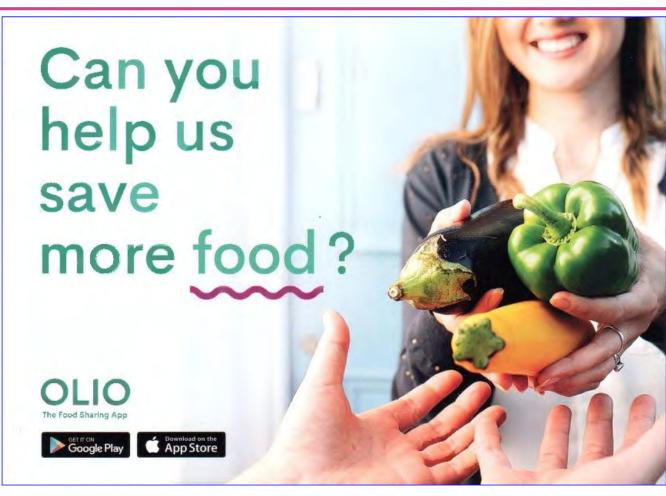








Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health





- to ask for help
- if you can't do it alone
- if it all feels too much -

It's okay...

to not know what you need to speak to someone not to feel okay -

We're here to talk, 24/7. Just call us on 0121 262 3555.



Living Well



It's okay...

... not to feel okay. If you're worried, anxious, or just a little down, you can talk to us.



Call our helpline, open 24/7: 0121 262 3555



Talk to us online via Live Chat (10am-9pm): birminghammind.org



Email us anytime on: help@birminghammind.o<mark>rg</mark>

Get in touch today

- We're here to help you -



NHS Living Well





COULD YOU VOLUNTEER?

Our Volunteers are legends and we are always looking for more. We wouldn't be able to do all that we do without the amazing work and support of our volunteer team. There are different ways in which you can volunteer for us at The gap*. We offer all the training that is required and we put all volunteers through the DBS process.

We would love to welcome you onto our team! If you have a heart for young people and seeing them thrive in life please do get in touch. You can do this by emailing us at or scanning the QR code to go straight to our website!

CONTACT US

Senior youth worker 07565542976















Out There!

At The Gap we exist to engage, identify and invest in the lives of marginalised young people in Sutton Coldfield and surrounding areas. We look to step into the gap between exclusion and acceptance, between apathy and hope. We seek to demonstrate that actions really do speak louder than words.

A big part of what we do is our drop-in session Venue on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:30-5:30 which is full of fun, games and hot chocolate! We also run The Studio here where we record music or podcasts based on discussion topics the young people are passionate about. Outside of this we do 1-1 mentoring our project Headspace where we help young people with their mental health. We also have our detached youth work project OutThere!







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Sutton Coldfield Neighbourhood Network Scheme (SCNNS) are pleased to launch their **new monthly email newsletter**.

Please sign up to the mailing list by emailing nns@ageconcernbirmingham.org.uk to receive updates on newly supported projects, asset news and training opportunities.

To discover everything you need to know about the Sutton
Coldfield Neighbourhood Network Scheme as a whole, you can
also read our NNS Handbook at
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https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100086596932293

https://birmingham.connecttosupport.org/

SUTTON COLDFIELD ACOUSTIC GUITAR CLUB

"The underlying theme is that everybody appreciates, respects and enjoys what everyone else is doing irrespective of whether it's their type of music or not."



"The team make every effort to welcome and encourage new members ... everyone, regardless of ability or experience is respected as a player. I've made a number of friends there too!"

(Derek – Sutton Coldfield)

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Do you enjoy playing or listening to live music?

Do you like socialising and meeting friendly people?

Are you a beginner or an experienced guitarist?

If so, the Sutton Coldfield Acoustic Guitar Club is the place to go.

We meet at the Royal British Legion Club, Rectory Road, Sutton Coldfield, B75 7AL on the first Tuesday of every month: 8pm to 10.30pm (Doors open 7.30pm)

All guitarists, guitarist/singers, solo performers, duos or ensembles and, of course, listeners are warmly welcomed.

Whatever standard you are - the idea is to have a go and enjoy yourself.

You'll hear music of many genres from across the ages – classical, jazz, pop, rock, folk and some that defies categorisation!

£3.00 entrance fee. Pay at the door (No club membership fee).

There is a well-stocked bar and free parking. The club is also easily accessible by public transport.

We look forward to seeing you for a great night out.

For more details, please visit our Facebook Page – search for The Sutton Coldfield Acoustic Guitar Club

Or contact: Gary on 07799 111843 or Sandra on 07932 395158



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SUTTON COLDFIELD ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME 2023/2024

Friday 29th September 2023 (7.00 for 7.15)

Professor Richard Thomas Remains of the Greys. The Archaeology of

Bradgate House, Leicestershire

Friday 13th October 2023 (2.00 for 2.15)

Dr Shelagh Norton Archaeology of New Zealand

Friday 27th October 2023 (2.00 for 2.15)

Peter Shergold The 6th Warwickshire (Sutton) Home Guard

Friday 3rd November 2023 (time tba)

Dr Mel Giles Chariot Burials in Britain

Possibly by Zoom or equivalent

Friday 17th November 2023 (2.00 for 2.15)

Dr Mike Hodder Sutton Park: The medieval Deer Park and beyond

Friday 1st December 2023 (7.00 for 7.15)

Dr Jon Dollery Mapping the Maps: Exploring our Cartographic

Heritage

Friday 12th January 2024 (2.00 for 2.15)

Dr Shane Kelleher Keeping on Keeping on: Archaeology in

Staffordshire during and after the Pandemic

Friday 26th January 2024 (time tbc)

Dr Rachel Crellin Excavation at Upton Lovell and Stonehenge

Friday 9th February 2024 (2.00 for 2.15)

Dr Tim Cornah The Uses of Photogrammetry in Archaeology

Friday 23rd February 2024 (2.00 for 2.15 tbc))
AIM Archaeology in Mind Neolithic to WW2

Friday 8th March 2024 (2.00 for 2.15)

Dr Tim Malim Old Qswestry Hill Fort : Ancient Past, Uncertain Future.

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Friday 22nd March 2014 (2.00 for 2.15 tbc)

AGM, Speaker and Subject tbc

9/08/23

Whether you're into machine or hand embroidery, mixed media or any other form of textile art, we are here for you....!

We have entertaining and informative speakers, both local and internationally renowned, and hold regular Saturday workshops.



We meet at 7.00, on the first Thursday of every month at:

Trinity Centre, Church Hill, (off Mill Street),
Sutton Coldfield, B72 1TF
Also Tuesday 17 Oct., 21 Nov., 2 - 4pm
See our programme on our website:
www.suttoncoldfieldcreativestitchers.co.uk

Sandnats 2023



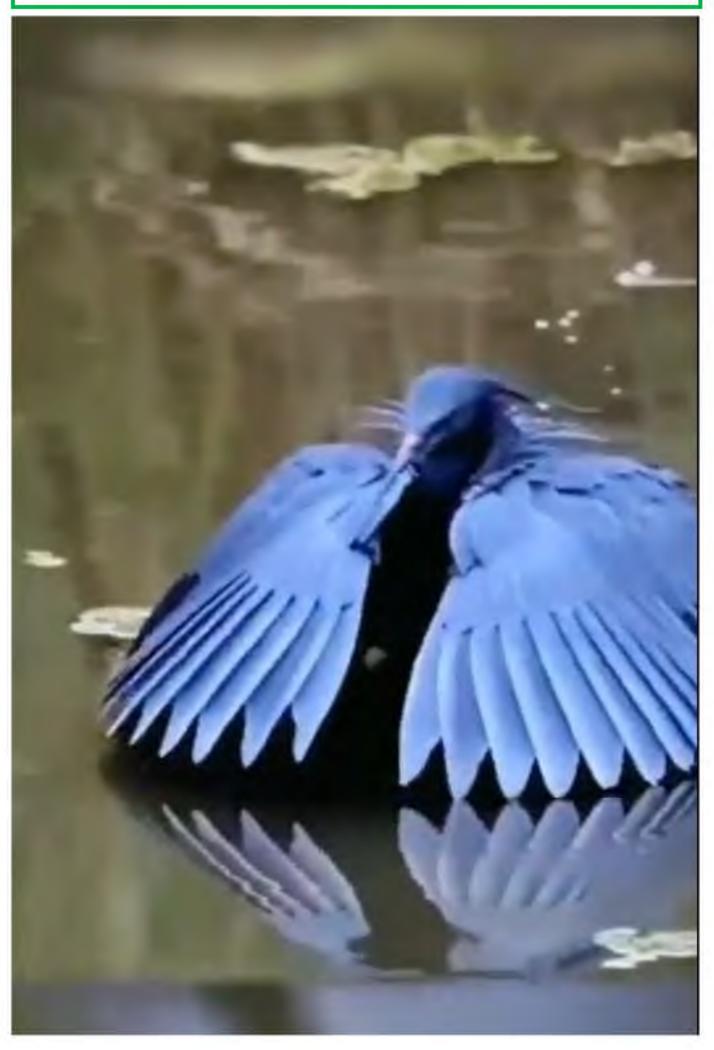
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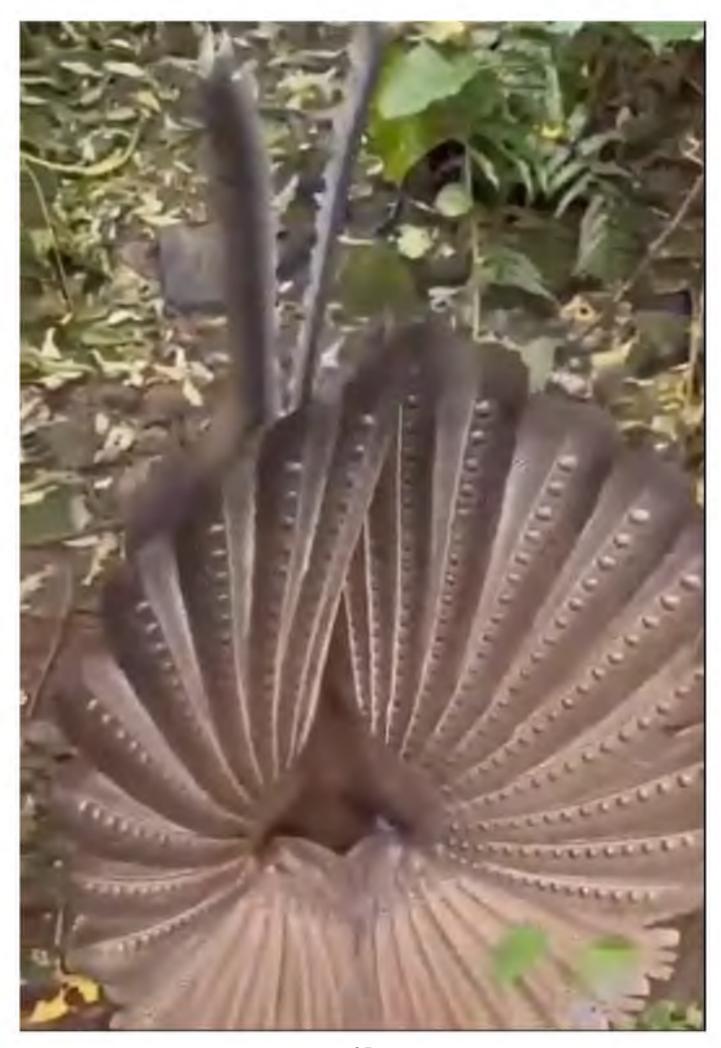
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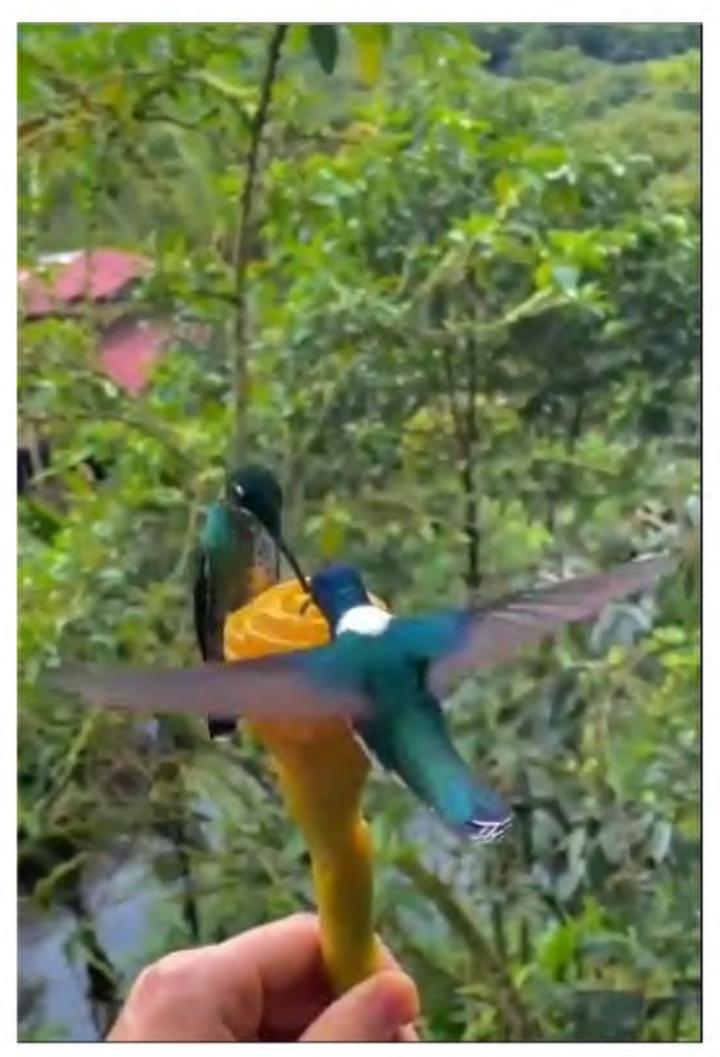
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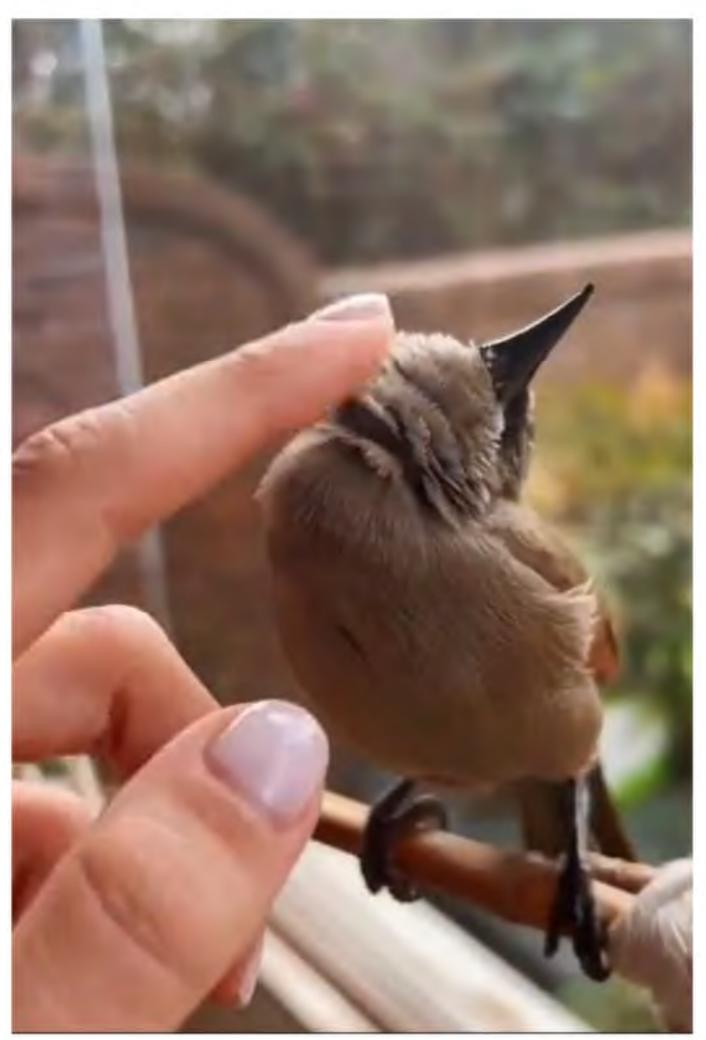
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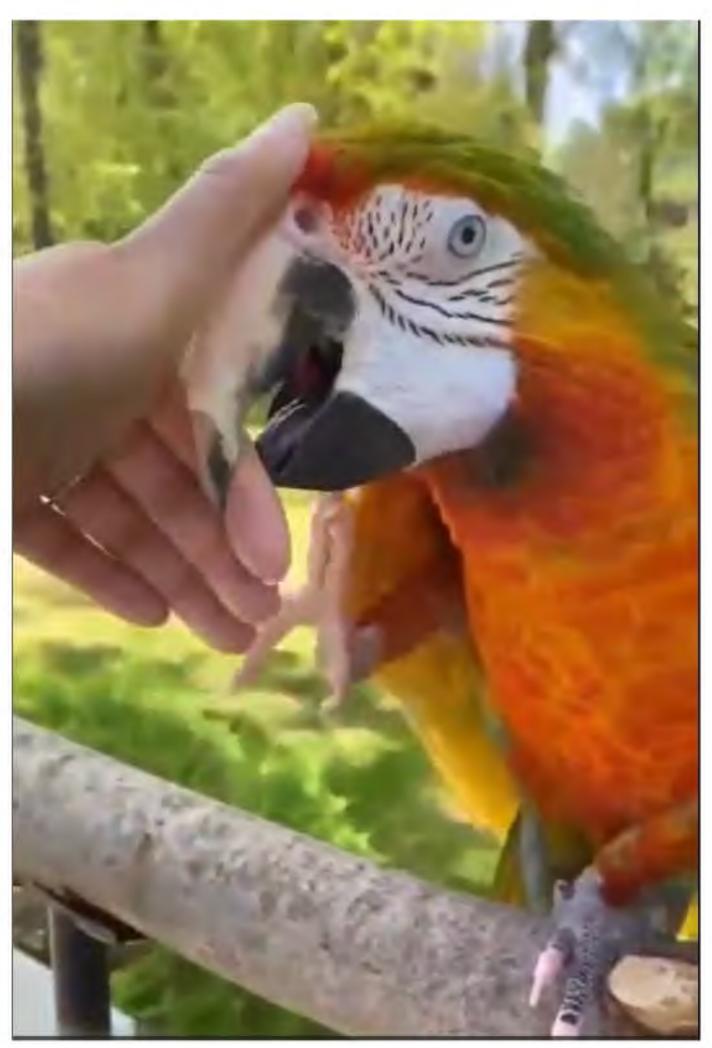
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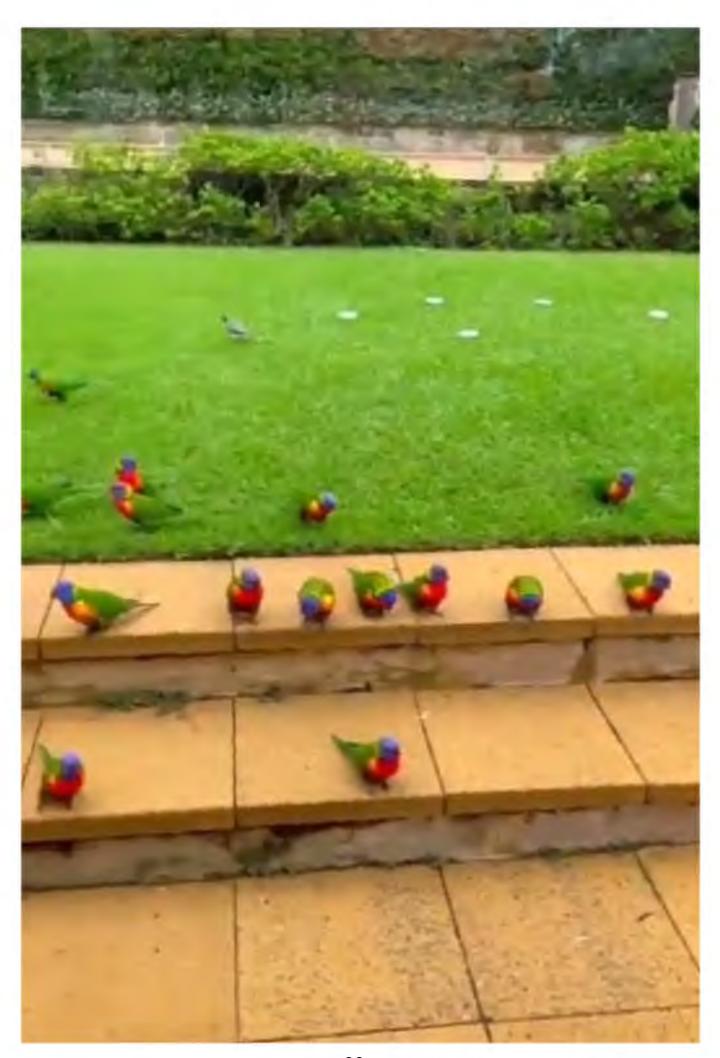














Below are some of the photos of the Boldmere Christmas Festival. For many more photos please click <u>here.</u> Thank you Paul.























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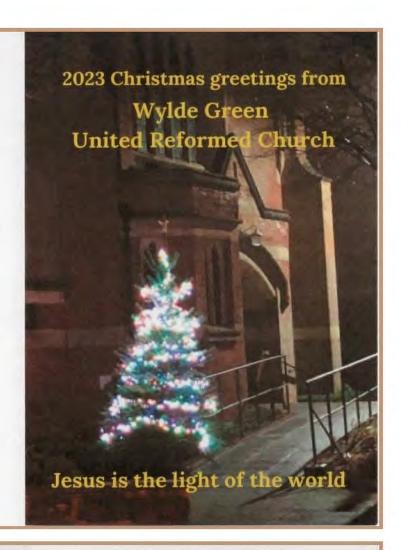
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Service of Lessons and Carols (in the Church) Sunday 17th December at 6.30pm

Blue Christmas Service (in the Church) for those struggling with grief and sadness at this time Thursday 21st December at 7.00pm

Carols and Fireworks (on the church field) Saturday 23rd December at 5.00pm

Family Fun Christmas Eve (in the Church) Sunday 24th December at 4.00pm

Midnight Communion (in the Church) Sunday 24th December at 11.30pm

Christmas Day Service (in the Church) Monday 25th December at 10.00am

We wish you a blessed, peaceful and joyful Christmas!



The light keeps shining in the dark, the darkness has never put it out. John 1 v5

Friends of Perry Park



On November 18th we took part in a tree session with Birmingham Tree People of which two of us are also Tree Wardens. This event involved helping to prune a recently planted community orchard in Manor Farm Park situated in Northfield. This was an area which I didn't even know existed before and it has an interesting history going back to the middle ages .When it was owned by the Earls of Dudley. A farm was recorded in the 18th century and traces of medieval ridge and furrow ploughing can be seen, also an ancient hedgerow still survives which has been dated as going back to the 16th century.

Between 1894 and 1951 it belonged to George and Elizabeth Cadbury (chocolate factory). George died in 1922 and Elizabeth continued to live there until her death in 1953 aged 93. On her death the park was gifted to BCC (held in trust) and the manor house was sold to the University of Birmingham. The park opened to the public in 1955 and comprises 50 acres of open space. There is a lake which attracts a wide variety of wildlife plus other areas of woodland; the park is popular with walkers, cyclists and runners. There is also a very large children's playground suitable for very young kids and early teens.

So if you ever fancy a trip to the south side of Birmingham I recommend a trip to Manor Farm Park, Northfield, B31 2AB. Photos taken from the Friends of Manor Farm Park (3 fold A4 opens out to A3) leaflet. Full info is available on the photos including a QR code.

Welcome to Manor Farm Park

Opened to the public in 1951, Manor Farm Park was originally the grounds of Northfield Manor House.

The park comprises around 50 acres of public open space with woodlands, meadows and a lake.

Although a relatively recent public park, the landscape has a much longer history. In the Middle Ages it was owned by the Earls of Dudley, lords of the manor of Northfield. The Dudleys constructed nearby Weoley Castle as the main hunting lodge for their local estates.

A farm was recorded on the site in the 18th century. Traces of medieval ridge and furrow and an ancient hedgerow dating back to the 16th century survive.

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For much of its history the landscape surrounding what we now know as Manor Farm Park was predominantly rural. However, the area esperienced extensive development between the two world wars and by the 1950s it had become a substantially populated suburb of Birmingham.

In 1961, on the death of Elizabeth Cadbury, the perk was gifted to the City Council (who hold it in trust) and the Manor House sold to the University of Birmingham.

Further Information

Further reading

images of England - Northfield Pauline Caswell (1996)

Images of England - Northfield Vol II Martin Hanson (2003)

Northfield Memories Jean & John Smith (Sutton, 2003)



For more information on the history of the park scan or click

The Friends of Manor Farm Park

We are a group of park users and local residents who are interested in the well-being of Manor Farm Park. Established in 1985 we work closely with the City Councils Parks for the improvement of amenities within the park.

For more information visit www.friendsofmanorfarmpark.org.uk





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Manor Farm Park Points of Interest



Farm buildings

These agricultural buildings – known as Manor Farmwere constructed in 1895 by the Cadburys. At present they are used by the City Council's parks team as a maintenance depot.

Site of the Cadbury Barn

In 1895 George and Elizabeth Cadbury had a rustic wooden 'barn' constructed to provide a venue for summer entertainments for their workers and their families. The building, which could seat up to 700 people, also hosted numerous parties for children from the poorer parts of Birmingham, enabling them to enjoy a day out in the countryside. Sadiy this building was destroyed by fire in 2017.

Ridge and furrow

Faint traces of medieval ridge and furrow ploughing can be seen in parts of the park, a reminder of the landscape's distant agricultural history.

Griffin's Brook

The Cadburys diverted the course of Griffin's Book and created a Paddling Beach and Bath for their children's summer parties. Although traces of these last two features survive, neither are clearly visible loday.



The Lake (also known as the Fish Pond) was created during the 19th century by damming Griffin's Brook, it originally featured a Boat House which is marked on the 1984 First Edition and later OS maps.

Manor House

Northfield Manor was originally a farmhouse called New House Farm. In 1835 the farm was purchased by Joseph Frederick Ledsam, a local manufacturer and landowner. He altered and extended the building, and in his will of 1861 it was referred to as Northfield Manor House. In 1894 the house was acquired by George and Elizabeth Cadbury who turned it into a comfortable suburban mansion. Unfortunately the manor was destroyed by fire in 2014, although a reconstruction has been built as part of the adjacent residential development.





Ancient Hedgerow

Parts of an ancient hedgerow dating from the 16th century survive on the western side of the Great Meadow, another reminder of the park's rural origins.

Old Park Farm

Grade II listed Old Park Farm dates from around 1800. Although it has undergone changes over the years it is nonetheless a rare survival from the area's agricultural past.

Flan Aqueduct

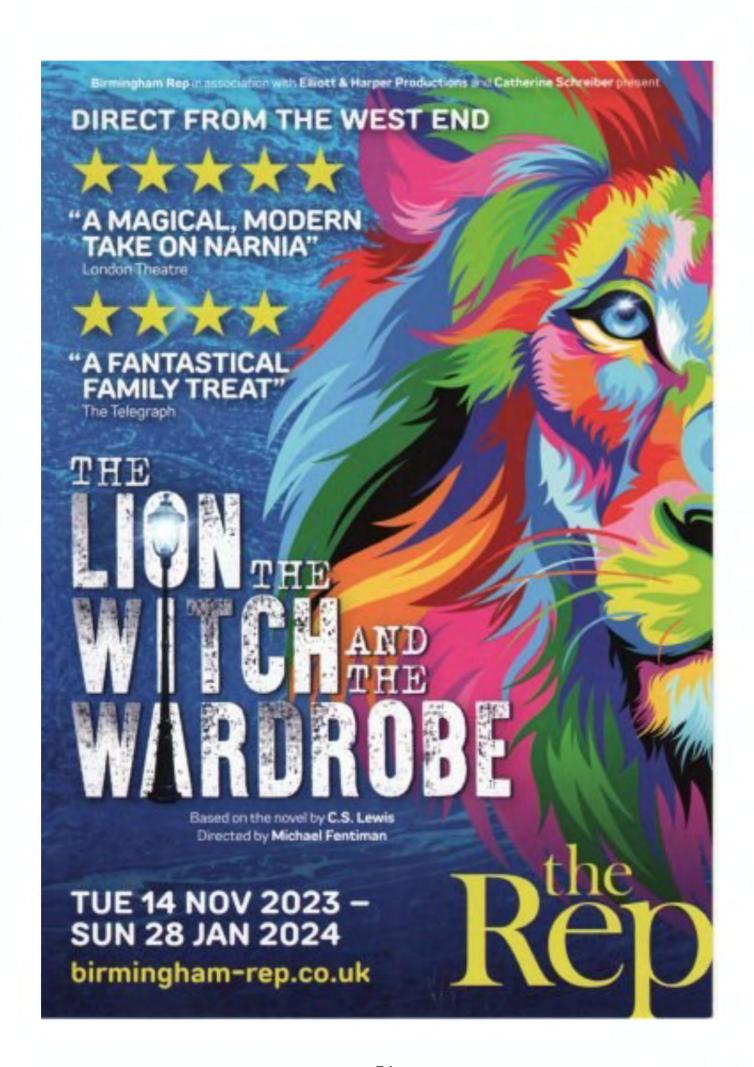
A short section of the Elan Aqueduct runs under the southern corner of the park. The aqueduct was constructed between 1896 and 1906 to provide a proper drinking water supply for the city of Birmingham. Constructed mainly underground, the aqueduct runs 73 miles from the Elan Valley in Mid-Wales to Frankley Reservoir

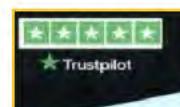
Northfield Manor Gate Lodge

Although Northfield Manor House has now been lost, its attractive gate lodge and stone gate piers c1895 survive at the entrance into New House Farm Drive 100 metres up the Bristol Road from the Park.









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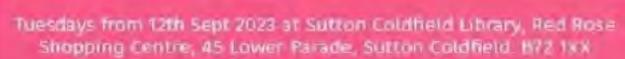
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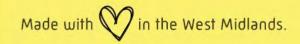
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