

Welcome to Dosthill Park Local Nature Reserve

Dosthill



Tamworth
Borough Council



History

The land you see around you was originally owned by the Peel family and later the Tolsons, as part of the Dosthill Hall estate. The Georgian mansion has since been converted to a number of apartments, but would then have been the family home, where a spa was linked from the hall to the River Tame. The name Dosthill was most likely derived from the former inhabitants of the parkland, as the old meaning of Dosthill is deer on the hill.



Oak tree



Greater spotted woodpecker

Managing for future generations

Dosthill Park was designated as a Local Nature Reserve (LNR) in 2010, ensuring its future as a haven for wildlife and people to enjoy. The site is managed in partnership by Tamworth Borough Council and Staffordshire Wildlife Trust, as part of the Wild About Tamworth project. Watch the site change and evolve as we continue to manage it, with help from the local community.

What to see and do

Dosthill Park is a place to escape and enjoy some peace and tranquillity. Whether you choose to follow the post trail around the site, enjoy the spectacular views from the riverside meadow, explore the wet woodland from the raised boardwalk or spot birds and wildlife in ponds, trees and grassland, you are sure to see and hear nature all around.



Beech tree



Get involved

The Dosthill Park Wildlife Group help to manage and develop the site. They are a group of local residents who meet regularly on the first Sunday of the month and are always looking for new members! All ages, abilities and skills welcomed! To find out more contact the Wild About Tamworth officer.

email: tamworth@staffs-wildlife.org.uk
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follow us on facebook: Dosthill Park Wildlife group

Trees

Dosthill Park is home to a collection of magnificent parkland trees including oak, chestnut, common lime, and beech, many of which are protected by Tree Preservation Orders. There are a number of small copses and linear woodlands which are populated by silver birch, hawthorn, cherry and elder. The wet woodland is dominated by crack willow and alder.



Thrush



Common meadow-rue

Information



Dogs are allowed to visit the nature reserve, but need to be kept under control for the benefit of wildlife and other users. Please observe the signs. Please clean up after your dog and use the bins provided.

Contact us

web: www.staffs-wildlife.org.uk
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Wild flowers

The wetland meadow by the river is undergoing restorative management to improve the floral diversity and structure of the grassland. Cut in later summer to allow desirable flowering species to seed, but before more dominant grasses can take hold, the meadow will provide a source of nectar to support the invertebrates which are a pivotal part of the food chain.

Common meadow-rue is rare in Staffordshire, but present on Dosthill Park. Something we are very proud of!



Wet woodland boardwalk

Special guests

With such established parkland, ponds, wetland and riverside meadow areas, Dosthill Park is blessed with a diverse array of creatures. The habitats on-site support species as varied as barn owls and otters, bats and water shrews. The wetland is populated with an array of dragon and damsel flies and the meadow with a number of species of bees and butterflies.



Kingfisher

Key

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| Boardwalk | Circular route |
| Dosthill Hall | LNR boundary line |
| Car park | |
| Woodland copses | Ponds and scrapes |
| Eastern brook | River Tame |
| Hedgerows | Owl and bird boxes |
| Ditches and drains | Wet woodland |
| Wildflower meadow | Parkland trees |

Wild About Tamworth

The Wild About Tamworth project is a partnership between Staffordshire Wildlife Trust, Tamworth Borough Council and the communities of Tamworth Borough. The initiative aims to involve local people in improving the wild spaces of Tamworth for both people and wildlife.

To download maps and leaflets about this and other sites in Tamworth and for more information about how to get involved go to: www.tamworth.gov.uk/wild-about-tamworth

