

Rothamsted Park was formerly part of the Rothamsted estate owned by Sir John Lawes, a descendant of the Wittewronge family who bought the Manor of Rothamsted in 1623.



Green Flag Recognition

Rothamsted Park gained Green Flag Award status in 2008. The Green Flag Award Scheme recognises and rewards the best green spaces in the country and provides a benchmark against which our parks and green spaces are measured. It is also seen as a way of encouraging others to achieve high environmental standards, setting a standard of excellence in recreational green areas.

Further Information

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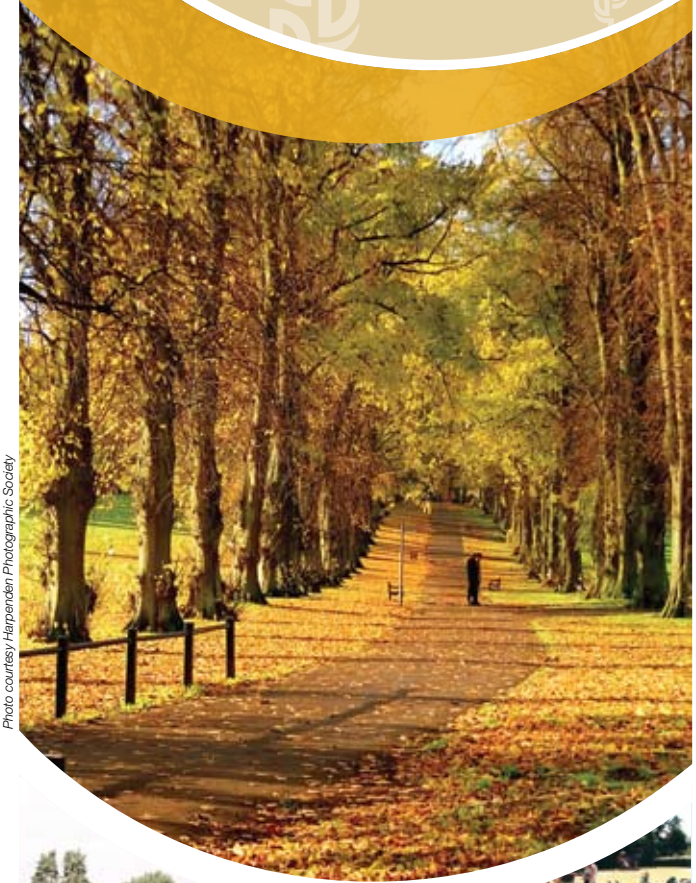
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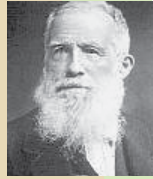
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Sir John Lawes

Sir John Lawes initiated agricultural experiments in 1843, which led to the founding of the nearby and world famous Rothamsted Research Centre. He also created the formal entrance from Leyton Road to what is now the Park, and planted the avenue of Lime trees.

In 1931, the family decided to sell the estate and, after a successful public appeal, the Experimental Station was able to finance its purchase of the estate in 1934. In 1938 the Harpenden Urban District Council purchased the land now known as Rothamsted Park from the Experimental Station, in order to provide playing fields and to preserve an important open space. The Park's main entrance gates were removed for salvage during the Second World War, and after the

war the restoration of the entrance was paid for by the Friends Provident Insurance Company. In 1975 the nearby sports hall was opened by the Mayor of St Albans City and District, as one of the first major projects of the newly formed St Albans District Council. Today, Rothamsted Park covers 23 hectares and offers a wide range of sporting and recreational activities. The former outdoor swimming pool has been rebuilt as a



25 metre indoor heated swimming pool, including a health suite. In a garden setting outside, a paddling pool is open from the last weekend of May to the first weekend in September. The sports centre has been enlarged and now provides a crèche, 2 dance studios, Harpers Gym and Sports Hall. Refreshments are available from the vending machines and public toilets are available for park users.



In one corner of the Park, surfaced floodlit courts cater for tennis, netball and 5-a-side football. In 2003 the skate park was built for the users of the Park and was kindly funded by a local businessman and Harpenden Town Council. Outdoor sporting facilities include junior and senior football pitches, 2 cricket squares and an orienteering course.

The Park is also home to Harpenden Town FC, with plenty of room for spectators.

The less sport minded can enjoy a stroll around the Park, with its environmental areas of summer meadow, the dell area and its footpath linking into the countryside. They can also use the designated BBQ areas or just relax in the rose garden.

For the children, a well equipped enclosed playground provides plenty of challenge for younger children and the very successful skate park provides a more challenging element of play. Throughout the year there are a number of events such as the Harpenden Carnival and the Highland Games.

Summer meadow area.

