



Nottingham Croquet Club Environmental and Sustainability policy

Background

Nottingham Croquet Club is situated in Highfields Park in Nottingham where it has been since the park was first laid out in 1929. The land was given to the people of Nottingham by Sir Jesse Boot, of Boots the Chemist fame, and this grade II listed heritage park is now managed by Nottingham City Council on behalf of the Highfields Leisure Park Trust.

The croquet club occupies the land between the boating lake and University Boulevard. It is bounded by Tottle Brook on one side and the rhododendron border on the other, and it includes a grade II listed pavilion. The club recently secured a 35 year lease on the adjacent disused bowling greens and empty grade II listed pavilion.

Being in such a special setting, in terms of heritage, environment and leisure, the club is very conscious of its environmental and sustainability credentials. We have there strived over a number of years to reduce our impact, including a major investment in 2012 to sink a borehole so that the lawns could be irrigated in a more sustainable way. The acquisition of the former bowls club, which has previously always been watered with mains water, gives us the opportunity to extend our irrigation system and use untreated water in future.

The wildlife in Highfields Park often visits the croquet club and sightings of rabbits, foxes, squirrels, green woodpecker, waterfowl, sparrowhawks, magpies, heron, numerous species of small birds, and bats are common, particularly as the sun sets and the Park becomes quieter.

Environmental and Sustainability Policy

Nottingham Croquet Club will continue to strive to reduce its impact on the environment by using water from its own borehole and irrigating only when necessary. Grass clippings are composted in an area adjacent to the lawns.

Members are encouraged, wherever possible, to arrive at the club by public transport (there is a bus and tram stop nearby), by bicycle (there is a cycle track adjacent and bike racks have been installed at the club), or on foot.

Rubbish is sorted and recycled wherever possible. Some suitable food waste is taken home for feeding to member's own hens. Litter is taken back to the pavilion or taken home.

Low energy lighting and automatic light sensors have been installed in the pavilion ensuring responsible use of energy.

Club users will respect the natural flora and fauna around the croquet lawns.

We will work in partnership with The Friends of Highfields Park, the Park Ranger and the park's Head Gardener in matters relating to the maintenance and enhancement of the heritage and natural habitats surrounding our club.