Pools and eco-hub open in historic Cassiobury



Celebrating in Cassiobury Park

Watford’s much-loved park has opened its restored paddling pools and new community hub, thanks to major National Lottery investment.

It is a milestone event for the park, which is part-way through a regeneration led by Watford Borough Council and funded by a £4.5million grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund and Big Lottery Fund.

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Wellbeing, communities and history

A paddling pool area has been a part of the Grade II Listed park since the 1930s. As well as the restored paddling pools there are splash fountains and raised “push buttons” for children of all abilities to control the water flow and flat surfaces so children with disabilities can enjoy a paddle.

Cassiobury Park is now also the proud home of a brand new hub, complete with a cafe, exhibition and education areas and space for friends, families and communities to meet. The building uses natural materials and has been designed to

be as energy efficient as possible, using a solar roof system, air source heat pumps and green roof.

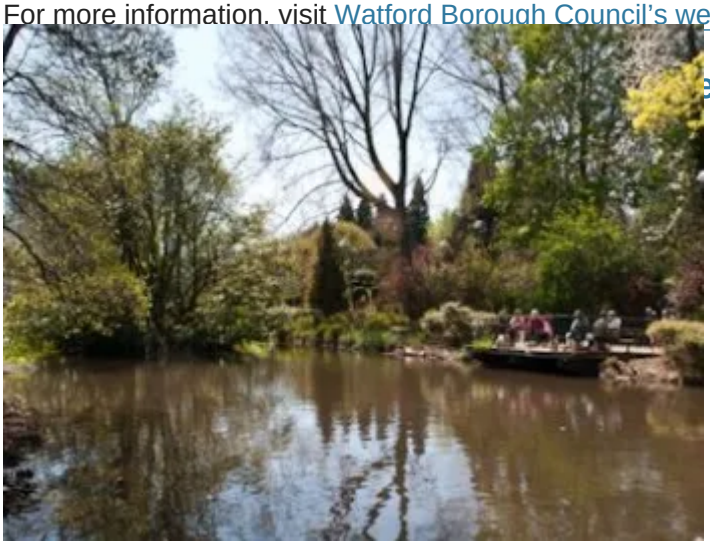
Since the beginning of last year, volunteers and staff have been working incredibly hard to transform the park. Among the achievements is the reinstatement of the 100 year old Grade II Listed Hill and Smith Bandstand to its original spot – complete with a new roof.

Thanks to National Lottery players

Robyn Llewellyn, Head of HLF East of England, said: “Cassiobury Park is an incredibly important open space for people in Watford and thanks to National Lottery players its regeneration will ensure it continues to be at the heart of the community.”

“We’re delighted to celebrate the opening of the paddling pools and community hub, which will be a fantastic boost for wellbeing and play, a space for families and friends to meet and a gateway to the park’s fascinating heritage.”

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Cassiobury Park secures £4.5million of Lottery funding for major restoration