

The Friends of University Park, Nottingham

Group visits and guided tours

The Friends offer guided visits to our award-winning University Park, where you can visit the gardens or take a heritage walk to discover the historic buildings and the people who lived there. These visits and tours are suitable for horticultural and local history societies, social clubs and other interested organisations. Please contact us to arrange these.

Volunteers required

The Friends of University Park are always looking for more volunteers. Would you like to get involved? Could you help with organising our events or would you like to be trained as one of our tour guides?

To find out more about visits, tours and volunteering, please email FOUP-Events@nottingham.ac.uk

University Park map

Download a map of University Park at nottingham.ac.uk/maps

Visitor information

For visitor information, visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/about/visitorinformation/information.aspx

Accessibility

University campuses are accessible to the public and provide disabled parking (Blue Badge) and disabled toilet (RADAR) facilities. The campuses have many fully accessible pathways. Please note that not all events start or finish adjacent to accessible facilities. If you are participating in one of our outdoor events, please be aware that there will be a degree of walking on uneven or undulating grassed/wooded areas – which may or may not be suitable for wheelchair/mobility scooter use or difficult for visually impaired. Please expect to travel distances of 1-3 miles on some of the walking events – most with resting places. The indoor 'lecture style' events are fully accessible with indoor facilities, ramped access and parking close by.

If you have any specific queries relating to accessibility of any published event, please email FOUP-Events@nottingham.ac.uk

For more information about the Friends of University Park

www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/friends

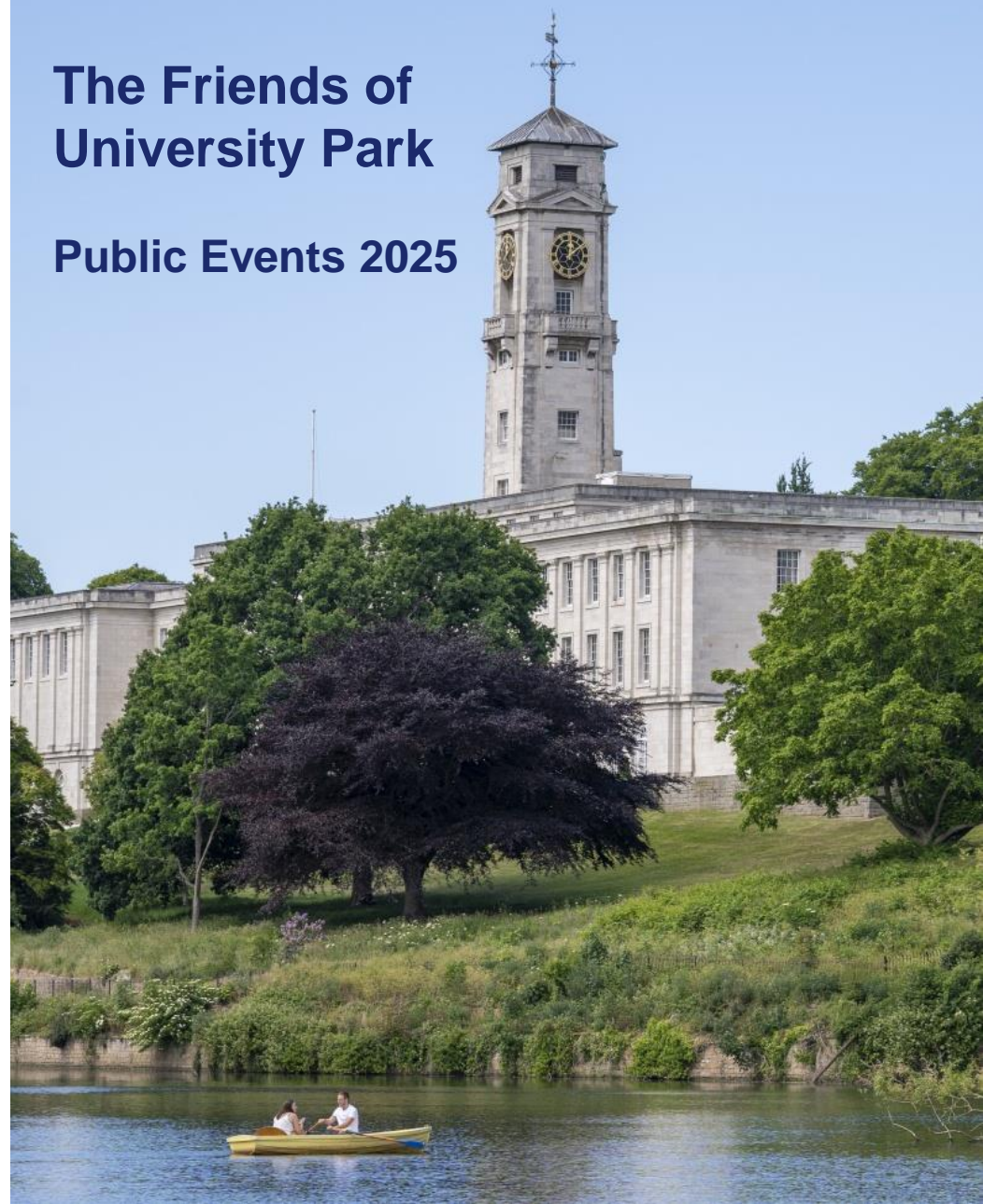


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Public Events 2025



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Bird Walk on University Park

Led by Christopher Hall

Sunday 23 March, 10am-12.30pm

Previous walks have encountered birds like Heron, Goosander, Great Crested Grebe, Peregrine Falcon, Buzzard, Stock Dove, Great Spotted and Green Woodpeckers, Kingfisher, Mistle Thrush, Goldcrest, Nuthatch, Treecreeper and Coal Tit. You might be surprised just how many birds can be seen here and learn a few bird sounds along the way.

Fee £5 per person. Numbers limited to 25 people; advance booking required.

Spring Foraging

Led by Yi Wang

Saturday 12 April, 10am-12.30pm

We will look at various types of vegetation and their foliage, flowers, berries, nuts and maybe fungi for their edibility and other benefits. We will explore the university's parkland for good seasonal items to pick and eat.

Fee £5 per person. Numbers limited to 25 people; advance booking required.

Medicinal Plants

Led by Charles Powell

Saturday 17 May, 10am-12.30pm

Discover common plants used as medicines on a stroll with Charles Powell, an experienced Medical Herbalist, through the diverse landscape of University Park. Learn to identify and use some of these plants, and also their historical uses in the past and their current uses in health and medicine today.

Fee £5 per person. Numbers limited to 25 people; advance booking required.

Character Encounter Tour

Saturday 14 June, 2pm-3.30pm

Join us for a guided heritage tour by members of the Friends Group, around some of University Park's historic houses. Discover more of the rich history of the properties and some of their inhabitants and gain an insight into the prominent and colourful individuals with a strong connection to the Estate. This insight is given in the form of dramatic sketches covering the life of the individual. These are both informative and great fun. The character you will be meeting will be Jesse Boot.

Fee £5 per person, Numbers limited to 25 people; advance booking required.

University Park's Annual 'Picnic in the Park'

~ marking 25 years of the Millennium Garden ~

Sunday 13 July, 12 noon-3pm

Hosted in our Millennium Garden which is centrally located on the university's University Park Campus, our annual event returns and once again will include live music by the Newstead Brass Band, together with activities for the family. Please bring a picnic and join us to enjoy a relaxing afternoon.

Free event and no advance booking required. Please note only a limited cafe service will be available on the day from a nearby building.

Summer Spectacular – National Garden Scheme

Sunday 10 August, 11.30am-3pm

A feast of summer colour in the Millennium Garden, Jekyll Garden and throughout the Park – to include our secret Walled Garden. A complimentary shuttle bus service to move between locations will be provided. Hosted mini-walking tours, plant sales and refreshments offered in a nearby cafe will all be available.

Fee £5 per person; free for under 16s. Dogs on a lead are welcome. Advance bookings online at www.ngs.org.uk or on the day (cash only) from our sales desk based in the Millennium Garden.

Bat Walk

Led by Nottinghamshire Bat Group

Saturday 30 August, 7.45pm-9.15pm

The trees around the Highfields Lake are a good habitat for bats and offer a great chance to watch them closely. The evening will commence with a short talk at 7.45pm to include an explanation of how the detectors work, followed by a 1-1½ hour slow walk to hear, see and identify the different bat species. A thermal camera may be set up so that people can watch the Daubenton's bats. As a bonus option, the walk may extend to include moth trapping and hence people can capture moths in jars to look at before they are released. All equipment will be provided.

Fee £5 per person. Numbers limited to 20 people; advance booking required.

Please note the minimum age for children is 10 years old and they must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Please bring a torch with you.

Character Encounter Tour

Saturday 6 September, 10.30am-midday

Join us for a guided heritage tour by members of the Friends Group, around some of University Park's historic houses. Discover more of the rich history of the properties and some of their inhabitants and gain an insight into the prominent and colourful individuals with a strong connection to the Estate. This insight is given in the form of dramatic sketches covering the life of the individual. These are both informative and great fun.

The characters you will be meeting this time will be Thomas Adams, William Player and Thomas Shipstone.

Fee £5 per person. Numbers limited to 25 people; advance booking required.

University Sustainability: A Changing Landscape

Led by Greg Smith

Thursday 20 November, 6.30pm-8.30pm

Our Landscape and Grounds Manager will outline how the university's campuses are changing to support sustainability and the impact of biodiversity by using tree planting schemes and re-wilding areas of the Estate. Event to be held in a lecture theatre on University Park.

Fee £5 per person, to include tea/coffee on arrival. Numbers limited to 150 people; advance booking required.

Book an event

Early booking is advised due to limited numbers for some events.

To book, please email:
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Complimentary car parking available at all of these events.