

Friends of the Park – Oldbury Court Estate/Vassalls Park.

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Oldbury Court Estate, known locally as Vassall's Park, is a 58-acre grade 2 listed historic park. Once part of the 15th century Kingswood Forest, the estate landscape was developed by Humphrey Repton, landscape designer, in the early 19th century. Oldbury Court was bought from the Vassall family by Bristol Corporation in 1937 for use as a public park. The park is a mix of woodland pasture, ancient woodland, river walks and parkland. It has an arboretum with exotic trees and a lively play area.

During the 2020 – 2021 COVID pandemic a group of volunteers began walking and litter picking in the Park. We recognised that the Park needed a Friends group to create a local focus around the Park, celebrate and help to maintain its heritage and ecology and work with the council to develop facilities for the growing number of people who use the Park. The Friends of the Park had their first annual general meeting in March 2023.

Friends of the Park has monthly work parties to clear and restore areas of the Park, fundraises to create better opportunities for all Park users, including benches, accessible walking groups, way markers, flower areas and wildflower meadows. Everyone who uses the Park is considered a member of Friends of the Park, but we are always looking to increase our active membership so please get in touch and join us, you will be very welcome.