

Transcript of Access for All video

Branston Water Park

Branston Water Park this has achieved Green Flag status, four years in a row. It is an old gravel works that has been transformed into a wonderful lake and nature reserve with a small children's play area and an unmanned information centre. It has a large, free, tarmac car park with plenty of disabled spaces, a radar key operated disabled toilet and, all the picnic benches are wheel chair accessible.

The one and half mile or two kilometre circular path around the lake is tarmac, mainly level with only gentle slopes and it has plenty of benches and bins. Regular passing places make it easy to get around and all the interpretation boards are at a convenient height for viewing. It is situated off the A38 trunk road just south of Burton, accessible from the North bound carriageway.

The Kingfisher Trail

The Kingfisher Trail, this has also gained green flag status last year and is an excellent example of what can be achieved through working with local communities. This is a linear trail one and half mile or two and half kilometres long. Running parallel to the Trent & Mersey canal in Burton from Shobnall fields to Eton Park School. There is a small car park at Dallow Lock with a disabled space and a wonderful mural under the bridge depicting the local history. Local people have helped to clean up the park so that it is now a popular and safe place to visit and enjoy the wildlife in the very heart of Burton.

The Washlands

The Washlands, this is a large area of flood plain alongside the river Trent, just off the main High Street. In two minutes we went from the bustle of the shopping centre and market place into a tranquil green space with lots of tarmac paths and bridges to make getting around easy. There are plenty of parking spaces including disabled at the Meadowside Leisure Centre, library and market place and all three have disabled toilets available. There is a large modern play area in the shape of a Viking Boat for the children and lots waterfowl on the river Trent to go and watch. I love to visit this site and to cross the Trent on the pedestrian cycle only viaduct to Stapenhill Gardens.

Stapenhill Gardens

This park alongside the river Trent at Stapenhill has won a number of national awards for horticultural excellence and is usually a riot of colour as well as being an excellent place to view the many swans that live and breed in Burton upon Trent. The paths are steep in places but, I was able to access all parts of the park and enjoy the peace and flora beauty of an area so close to the centre of the town. There is a small car park off Stapenhill Road and a radar toilet near the car park.

I have found some wonderful places to visit in Burton as a result of doing this survey with Lawrence and hope that you to visit them and get as much pleasure as I do from East Staffordshire's accessible parks.