



Young Peoples Park a Natural Play Ground

Natural Adventures extend play areas

This Spring a new Park Play Area opened between the Nature Centre and the Red Gra based on Adventure Play values: climbing, swinging, pretending and exploring natural spaces.

The *Play Naturally* theme of Play England in 2006 produced a book of ideas we still use - [find it on www.playday.org.uk](http://www.playday.org.uk) and *Give Us a Go!* In 2008 encouraged more play adventures.

We are extending natural play adventures along the Park's country side with a new Play and Ecosystems Cabin in 2012. We will explore seasonal themes further on our website and monthly challenges on www.naturedetectives.org.uk from Woodland Trust with whom we are members. Nature Play also features in free advice from RSPB, Brum Bats, Wildlife Trust and the Forestry Commission who all support more local access and interpretation through family activities.



Natural adventurous places

More Play Days

Cannon Hill Young Peoples Park will host Play Day on 3rd Aug. Park Friends are working with the Rangers Hub and Park Play groups to extend good natural play, arts and shared heritage opportunities through all the seasons for young people along the Rea Valley country side Parks and playing fields.

Find out more about Local Nature with OPAL

Open Air Nature Labs is a WM Lottery Project 2009-2012 to measure changes in local biodiversity and climate. See our website to find what has been seen in the Young Peoples Park or find packs to study local nature from www.opalexplornature.org

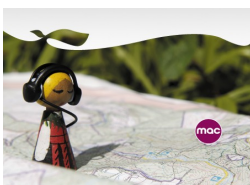


Autumn Park Heritage Festival from 27 Aug to 10-11 Sept weekend

The Young Peoples Park comes alive from the August Bank Holiday with Robert Wilkinson's Fun Fair and Children's TV characters Ben and Holly, Fireman Sam and Peppa Pig joining the fun. The Adventure Play area and surrounding Nature Trail featuring bees, bugs and caterpillars all come to life as characters in the Meadow, Great Elf Tree, and Gaston the ladybird's Cave. Sun 4 Sept 'Eid Mela' has family activities including Kabbadi games and nature walks. The Autumn Heritage Weekend 10-11 Sept with ArtsFest has Anglo-Saxon, Medieval and local History Alive displays from 11am to 5pm around the Victorian Bandstand, veteran's Sons of Rest, and The Golden Lion which celebrates 100 years in Cannon Hill. Young arts and heritage re-enactment join Urban Harvest fruits and Change Kitchen, local music and film makers.

Park Storytelling News:

Autumn Festival 10-11 Sept welcomes back the Story Tellers Café Group. Also the MAC's Park Audio Trails are now available online. To listen to the story with children following the Park Keeper as he goes around locking up at night, go to www.betweenyourears.co.uk



Famous Childrens Characters Join the Fun



Ben & Holly 27 Aug * Peppa Pig 29 Aug,* Sam 28 Aug

Help Ben and Holly find any of these characters in the Meadow, Giant Elf Trees, Hedgerow or Wood – Ladybirds, Beetles, Butterflies, Green Shield Bug, Leopard Slug or Tree Bumblebee. (We'll provide spotter sheets) or design some Little Theme Rides. Bob the Builder is here on Sat 10 Sept to help with Park heritage and nature conservation jobs



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