

The café is next to Charnwood Museum and provides a wide range of refreshments in a welcoming environment. Open during the summer months. Opening times may vary.



**Bowling Green**  
Queen's Park Bowling Club was established in 1910. From May to October visitors can purchase tickets to play and hire bowls, mats and scoreboards from the War Memorial Tower. Flat shoes without heels must be worn.  
**Hourly Fees (2007): £2.90 adults, £1.45 concessions**

**Welcome to Queen's Park**  
Queen's Park is Loughborough's premier park and is managed by Charnwood Borough Council. Its main features are Charnwood Museum, Loughborough War Memorial Tower and Carillon bells, ponds and floral displays, cafe, bandstand and bowling green. Children's attractions include the aviary, the ducks and the play areas.

**Watercourses**  
In the winter, the Wood Brook is a fast flowing channel of water passing along the eastern boundary. The brook feeds a narrow pond lined with shrubs and water flows underground to feed the broader pond in front of the Charnwood Museum. This pond has a gentle waterfall and fountains and is a popular duck feeding area.

**Swan Maze**  
The route of the maze is formed by beige coloured pavers set in fine red gravel. The object is to find the route to the figure of the Swan in the Gazebo in the centre. The swan was carved in stone by sculptor David Taver in 1992.

**Aviary**  
This is a very popular attraction housing a wide variety of small birds. The original aviary was opened by Alderman Mrs. Cope on 13th August 1955. In 1956, a pair of Humboldt Penguins was donated by Mr. W.A. Deakin. In the 1980s the aviary was moved to its present location where the birds have shelter from the wind. We continue to feed and care for a range of small birds including Cockatiels and Budgerigars.

**Children's Play Area**  
There are children's play areas to the south of the park.  
**Events**  
The park hosts a wide range of events each year. See Events Notice board for further information.

**Flower Gardens**  
The main floral bedding displays are by the pond by Charnwood Museum, and around the bandstand.

**Bandstand**  
Presented to the Park to mark the coronation of King Edward VII in August 1902, the bandstand occupies the very centre of the park. In the summer there are a number of free band concerts. It is a popular meeting place.



## Queen's Park Granby Street, Loughborough Leicestershire LE11 3DU

### How to get there:

Queen's Park lies at the heart of Loughborough, 200 metres west of the Town Hall and Market Place. Travel on foot, or by car using pay and display car parks in Granby Street and at the Leisure Centre off Browns Lane, or by bus and rail (Bus routes 4 and 7 serve the town centre from Loughborough Station).

### Opening Times:

Open until an hour after dusk

### For more information contact:

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## Vision for Queen's Park

"To preserve and enhance the beauty and heritage of the park, and improve the facilities and accessibility of the park ensuring that it continues to serve the needs and enhance the wellbeing of the local community, the wider population across the borough and encourages greater numbers of visitors to the town."

### Friends of Queen's Park

The Friends of Queen's Park is a park user group established in 2006. The Friends and Charnwood Borough Council work closely together to improve the park.

### The aims of the Friends are to:

- Ensure that Queen's Park retains its charm and unique qualities and remains the "green jewel" within Loughborough Town centre.
- Ensure that it continues to be a place where people of all generations can walk, play and enjoy the amenities the park offers.
- Ensure the care of its trees, unique features and buildings
- Champion the park, and where necessary to speak out against any plans or actions that may spoil or threaten this Victorian gem.
- Assist the council to achieve improvements to the park, including new shrubberies, new play ground equipment, attention to the ornamental lakes, the aviaries, bowling green, carillon, but always in keeping with the original concept.

The Friends of Queen's Park supports the Council's 2007 Green Flag application to the Civic Trust.

### Consultation Results 2006

A comprehensive survey was completed in August 2006. The main findings were that:

- 40% of visitors travelled more than 20 minutes to visit which shows the regional significance and attraction of the park.
- 60% of visitors visit at least once a week and stay a minimum of 30 minutes
- 43% just come to relax in pleasant surroundings
- 59% were unaware of the events held in the park
- The elements needing most attention were the toilet facilities, signage and information, play areas, more bins and benches, refurbishment of aviaries, clean ponds and employment of a Park Warden. These issues are addressed in the Green Flag Action Plan.

For more information visit our website.



## Queen's Park Loughborough



### Charnwood Museum (Queen's Hall)

This award-winning attraction has 44,000 visitors per year. It is housed in a distinctive Victorian building, Queen's Hall. Visitors can explore Charnwood's rich and exciting heritage from discovery of some of the world's oldest fossils to the lives of the present-day Charnwood people. There is a changing programme of exhibitions on local themes and international subjects, special events, family fun days and hands-on workshops. The museum is a valuable resource for schools.

Opening Hours: Monday-Saturday 10am - 4.30pm  
Sundays and Bank Holidays 2 - 5pm (Summer),  
1 - 4pm (Winter)  
Entry is free.

See leaflets for special museum events.

Tel: 01509 233754

[www.charnwoodmuseum.co.uk](http://www.charnwoodmuseum.co.uk)



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### Loughborough War Memorial Tower, Museum and Carillon

Grade II Listed Building.

Erected in 1922-3, this stately tower is a war memorial and the symbolic expression of the town's sorrow for its lost sons from World War I. The tower comprises a Portland stone basement, brick tower with Portland stone dressings, copper bell storey and lantern.

The building is home to the Carillon Museum housing artefacts from WWI and WW2. 25% of the collection is associated with the Leicestershire Yeomanry. The contribution of the other armed services, US Forces, women and civilians is also remembered.

It is staffed by volunteers. The Carillon is a musical instrument comprising 47 bells played

from a keyboard (clavier) by a Carillonneur. The Carillon is played regularly every Thursday throughout the winter from 1 - 2pm, and throughout the summer every Thursday from 1pm and Sunday from 3.30pm and on special occasions.

Tower Opening Hours: Good Friday to the end of September: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday 1 - 4.30pm; Thursday and Saturday 10am - 4.30pm

Charges: Ground Floor free, Upper Floors 50p. Free to children under 16, senior citizens, students, unemployed, and serving members of armed forces.

Tel: 01509 263370 (Summer Only)

