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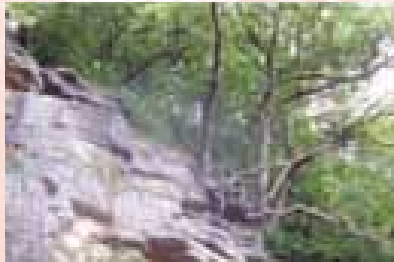


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On opening, the park was extremely popular with people from across Huddersfield, but its visitor numbers dwindled after the opening of Greenhead Park, which was much easier to visit. This continues to this day, with the park being renowned as a source of peace and tranquillity.

The park was laid out on a steep slope, with only a narrow area of land at the top of the park being set out formally, and the rest being mature woodland, and home to a great variety of wildlife.



There was a main promenade, or Main Walk, together with an ornamental lake with an island, timber bandstand, ornamental bedding, and greenhouses. A great many steps and paths were built to allow people to wander through the woods and enjoy the feel of the wilderness. A gothic style building was built in the woods as a café, with a rooftop terrace from which people could enjoy the majestic views. The impressive park lodge was also built next to the main entrance.



## History

In 1879 Mr H F Beaumont offered the area known as Dungeon Wood to the Corporation of Huddersfield to allow for the creation of the town's first public park and recreation ground. 4 years later, in October 1883, Beaumont Park was opened by the Duke and Duchess of Albany with a golden key. Approximately 4500 people attended the opening ceremony with the park specially decorated with flags and banners.

Over the years since opening there have been other changes, including the infilling of the lake, removal of bandstand, lakeside shelter and café. However there has been the development of a range of recreation facilities for young people, including a playground and basketball area.

## New developments:

The main development proposed in this park is the recreation of the cascade which is next to the main avenue in the park. This was one of the main recommendations set out in the Conservation Management Plan for the park, and is something which the Friends group and the Council are working on together. Originally, the top pool fed a cascade which passed down the slope towards Manchester Road. The intention is to recreate this.

The Friends of the Park group are also very active in a series of practical conservation tasks in the park, in conjunction with the BTCV (British Trust for Conservation Volunteers). Previously these have included restoring views which have been lost, and the restoration of ancient cliffs.

Contact the Friends of Beaumont Park Office - The Depot, Beaumont Park on 01484 645217 for regular event updates.

## FACILITIES

- ✓ Ball Wall
- ✓ Band Stand
- ✓ Basket Ball Court
- ✓ Children's Play Area
- ✓ Ornamental Gardens
- ✓ 5 Aside Football
- ✓ Summer Events
- ✓ Woodland Walks

## Museum

### Castle Hill

While you are in Huddersfield why not visit this highly visible landmark which inspires a sense of affection and pride in the people of Huddersfield. The Victoria Tower was opened to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of Queen Victoria's reign, and during the summer months the tower and the hill attract many visitors, but why limit your visits to the hill to the summer months when the crisp clear days of autumn and winter can be so rewarding?

Victoria Tower, Castle Hill, Almondbury, Huddersfield

Tel: 01484 223830 (Tolson Museum)

