Blackbird Leys Park forms a green heart in the middle of the Leys estate.

It is open 24hours a day, all year round.



## History

The park was developed when the housing estate was built in the 1960s, housing the workers at the Morris Motors Company Plant at nearby Cowley, now BMW UK Oxford.

In the early 1990s the development of Greater Leys began. The original Leys estate and Greater Leys are now simply known as the Leys and its population at the time of the last census stood at 13,586

## Friends of Leys Parks

Do you visit regularly? Would you like to help improve the parks across the Leys?

By becoming a member of the friends group you could:

- make a positive contribution to your local area
- have a say in the park's facilities
- improve the local conservation value
- exercise, improve your health and wellbeing

Friends groups are independent, but work in partnership with the council.



# **Welcome to Blackbird Leys Park**

#### **Activities**

There are many attractions in the park including:

- Two play areas
- Football pitches
- · Bowls green
- Meandering stream
- Kick about goal
- Rebound wall
- · Ball courts

Please see the map over, for locations.

Near the park there is also:

- Blackbird Leys Leisure Centre
- Co-op nursery
- Children's Centre
- Oxford Cherwell & Valley College

# **Green Flag**

Bury Knowle Park has been awarded a <u>Green Flag Award</u> by Keep Britain Tidy. The Green Flag Award is the national standard for parks and green spaces in England and Wales



# Improvements & Developments

Our gardeners have been working hard to improve the wildlife areas, pathways and hedging within the park.

Work is underway to build a new swimming pool onto Blackbird Leys Leisure Centre, extending the building into the park.

The Pavilion is due to be refurbished within the next 2 years, providing new changing facilities suitable for all ages.

## **Park Rangers**

Our team of Parks Rangers patrol our parks and open spaces across the city. They assist in keeping the parks clean, tidy and safe; enforce byelaws and liaise with park users and the local community.

# **Getting there**

#### Bus

There are regular bus services to the park, run by

- Oxford Bus Company (routes 5,
- Stagecoach (1 & 12).

The nearest bus stop is approximately 1 minute walk

#### Car

There are two car parks, one off Cuddesdon Way and one next to Blackbird Leys Leisure Centre, off Pegasus Road.

#### Cycle

There is easy access from many areas of the Leys by bike.

#### **Clubs & Organisations**

There are several groups who use the park on a regular basis:

Blackbird Leys Boys Football Club Greater Leys Football Club Blackbird Leys Bowls Club



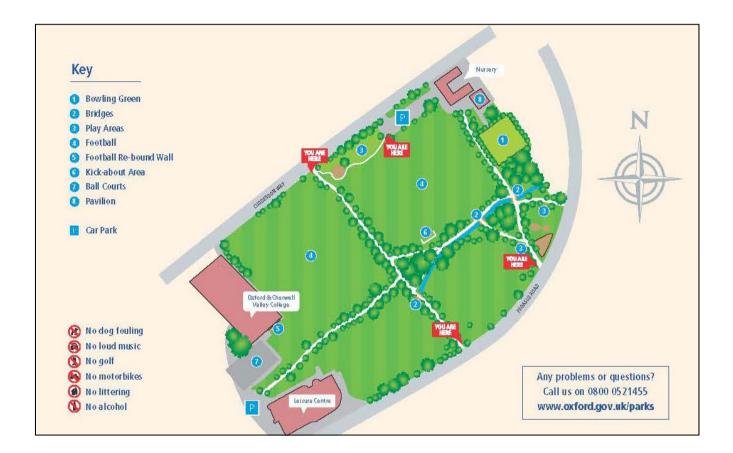
#### Contact us

For more information, or if you have a query about the park or activities on offer please contact us:

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