

Did you know?

The Pump Room Gardens opened as private gardens in 1814. Visitors would drink and bathe in the waters at the next door Royal Pump Rooms, and then take a stroll in the Gardens to get their daily exercise. The Gardens opened to the public in 1876, purchased by the Board of Health to benefit local people.



Our Royal connections

The bridge and promenade in the Gardens were named after the Duke of York to commemorate his marriage to Princess Mary in 1893.

The Linden Arches, cast by local iron founder William Jenkins and installed in 1875, line Linden Avenue. In 2012, the arches were restored using funds from Warwick District Council and the Friends of the Pump Rooms Gardens who raised the remainder from public contributions.

York Bridge



Volunteer with us

We are looking for volunteers to inspire people to connect with their local green spaces. Could you help us with events and activities, support community workshops, or assist with project research and evaluation?

If you value your local parks and open spaces and enjoy meeting new people, we'd love to hear from you!

For more information
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Contact Us

Keep up to date with the Pump Room Gardens project, upcoming events, and volunteering opportunities.

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Pump Room Gardens

at the heart of
Royal Leamington Spa

Pump Room Gardens
HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND
RESTORATION PROJECT

Why not join us and help?



Turning back time



A £1.4m restoration project began in June 2018 to restore the Gardens to health by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the Friends of Pump Rooms Gardens and Warwick District Council.

Take a walk along the paths which have been restored and realigned to match the original Victorian layout. Enjoy a view of the gardens from the new traditional-style seats where you will see newly planted trees and an improved riverbank area.

Wander round the new 'rain garden', a replica of the original 1881 rockery and waterfall and discover winding paths, wooden seating and natural-style planting.

The eye-catching, orientation point, artwork outside the Royal Pump Rooms was created by sculptor Andrew Mckeown who worked with students from Clapham Terrace Primary School to model local landmarks in clay before casting them in iron.



The McFarlane Bandstand

An original bandstand first appeared on plans of the gardens in 1851, and in 1889 a new bandstand was constructed in a more central position, manufactured by Walter MacFarlane and Co. The bandstand has hosted a great many events over the years, including flower shows and military bands.

The McFarlane bandstand has been skilfully restored by Lost Art Limited, in keeping with Victorian history, and was reopened on 15 March 2019 by the Chairman of Warwick District Council. There was a performance by Royal Spa Brass, a talk by Lost Art and a fabulous bandstand-shaped cake!

Visit the website overleaf to see the short documentary 'Rediscovering a Lost Art' to see how the bandstand was restored.

Did you know?
It's one of a few surviving structures of its kind in the country?



Join our events

The Grade II Registered Pump Room Gardens have hosted many public events over the years. Also, the Leamington Annual Flower Show was also held at the gardens for some 30 years.

Today, events include Leamington Peace festival, Warwickshire Pride, Leamington Carnival, Leamington Food and Drink festival, and a monthly farmer's market.

There are also music and youth performances on the bandstand, activities and walks, new community events such as Ecofest and the Big Victorian Picnic, as well as school workshops and children's storytelling.



Come and explore the wildlife

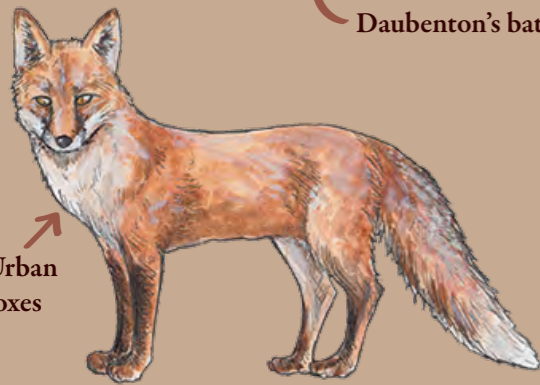
Take a stroll around the Gardens and see what you can find! Look out for:



Grey squirrels



Daubenton's bats

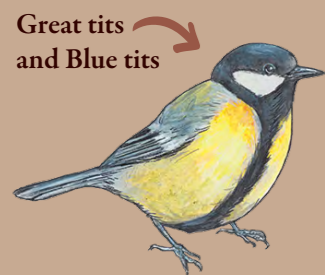


Urban foxes

And many species of bird including:



Peregrine falcons



Great tits and Blue tits



Nuthatches



Redwings



Connect with Nature

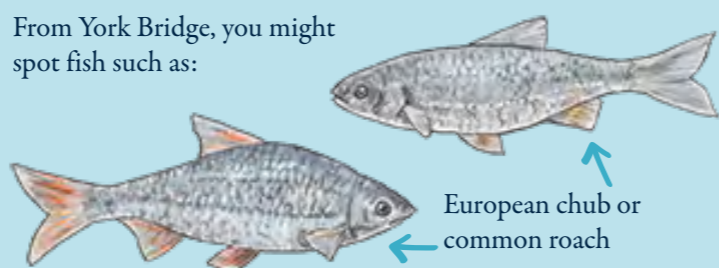
The Pump Room Gardens benefits greatly, in ecological terms, from its connection to other habitats via the river corridor. With the increasing impact of climate change, the movement of species along green corridors is crucial, and in some cases, lifesaving. On this page you can see just a handful of some of the species you may find here.

There is increasing evidence that connecting with nature is crucial for both our health and wellbeing, and for nature conservation. Research suggests that people who have a deeper connection with nature are more likely to invest in the conservation of the environment, wildlife and habitats around us.

So, as you walk through the Pump Room Gardens, take some time to stop, take notice, and connect with the diverse environment around you. The longer you stop, the more you'll notice. And why not extend your walk to other parks and gardens along the river by following our suggested routes in the 'Spa Gardens Walk' leaflet, available from The Royal Pump Rooms.

The River Leam

From York Bridge, you might spot fish such as:



European chub or common roach

Eels

Moorhens



Did you know?
There are otters living in the river Leam nearby!

Otters



Kingfishers



Trees

The Gardens are lined with trees, some newly planted. Look out for:



Sycamore

Weeping willow

Oak

Small and large leaved lime

Horse chestnut