

Haslam Park

Now and Then



The Gatehouse



Main Gates



Avenue of Limes



Marie Curie Field of Hope

Since the park was formally opened in 1910 it has seen many changes. The park has kept up to date with the current trends in recreation, such as recent improvements to the play area and tennis courts, whilst retaining links with our heritage.

IN THE PARK TODAY

A set of gate piers and gates made of wrought iron were constructed in 1910 before Thomas H Mawson was contracted as the Landscape Architect and stand at the main entrance to the park. To the front of these gates stand a pair of ornamental cast-iron lampposts.

The double row of Lime trees is now one of the finest avenues in the North West.



Sculpture made by Iain Cant and pupils of Tulketh High in 2002 from a dead Beech Tree

At the western entrance to the avenue there is a set of grand steps that lead steeply up to another set of gates, designed by Mawson.

The games area includes play facilities for the under fives and juniors with an all weather recreation zone for football, basketball and tennis. The bowling green is still used today and has been in place since the park opened!

A cast iron drinking fountain can be found a third of the way down the avenue of Limes from Bristow Avenue. The fountain bears the inscription 'presented by W G Makinson, January 1911', 'keep the pavement dry'.



Play Area



The Rose Garden



Detail from Drinking Fountain



Features that were once major attractions:

OPEN AIR SWIMMING POOL

The open-air swimming pool was constructed in 1932 and closed in 1987. It was designed according to Mawson's amended drawings in 1915.

AVIARY

In 1941 the aviary contained cockatoos, budgies, canaries and a special cage for monkeys. The most famous resident of the time was a talking parrot called "Polly" which was said to be a firm favourite with children.

