

Grange park

About Grange Valley

Lying between the Moor Nook and Grange housing estates and adjoining the formal park, Grange Valley is an area of open grassland and wildflowers bisected by Eaves Brook.

The valley provides habitat for a variety of wildlife including numerous species of butterflies, birds such as chaffinches, dunnocks, wrens, whitethroats, sparrowhawks and kestrels, and small mammals such as field mice, bank voles, hedgehogs and shrews.

The valley is also a site of historical significance, for on August 17 1648 it was the scene of a decisive battle of the English Civil War between the forces of King Charles I and Oliver Cromwell's new model army.



Directions to Grange Park

By car the park is sign posted off Ribbleton Hall Drive parking is available along Glenview Close.

By bus there is a regular bus service operated by Preston Bus, leaving Preston bus station stand No 8/9, to Ribbleton Hall Drive, a short walk away from the park.

For timetable enquiries please telephone 01772 821199.



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Introduction to Grange Park

Grange Park is located in the urban area of Ribbleton within the northern edge of Preston. The park opened in the 1950's and with the help of a Heritage Lottery grant in 1998, underwent a considerable refurbishment. This included the provision of the purpose built Education and Heritage Interpretation Centre and the reconstruction of the foot print to Ribbleton Hall. Grange Park now receives in the excess of 3,000 annual visitors who enjoy the numerous facilities provided, including a children's play ground, formal gardens, community kitchen garden, and a varied events programme.

Green Flag

Grange park was awarded a Green Flag in 2002. The Green Flag Award Scheme is designed to recognise and reward standards of excellence in parks and green spaces and is awarded by the Civic Trust. **Growing Fitter for the Future** Grange Park incorporates a Community Allotment Garden Project which is funded by the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund. This gives individuals and community groups an opportunity to learn gardening and conservation skills as well as grow their own fruit and vegetables whilst getting fit and meeting like minded people.

Ranger Service

The Ranger Service works to promote, interpret and encourage everyone to use the park as well as protect the sites ecological diversity. Through regular patrols, Rangers help to provide an identifiable presence and promote a sense of personal safety and confidence for park visitors. Working with schools, the Rangers implement an Environmental Education Programme to promote the park as an educational resource. The Rangers also implement a comprehensive programme of events which are designed to be educational and fun for people from all walks of life. **Community Involvement** The Friends of Grange Park, and local community work in Partnership with the Ranger Service, to organise events, co-fund park improvements and new facilities and raise the profile of the park. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Friends of Grange Park, please contact the Park Ranger on 703408 for more information.

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- 1 Interpretation Centre
- 2 Kitchen Garden
- 3 Ribbleson Hall Footprint
- 4 Time flow sculpture
- 5 Play Area
- 6 Thornley Road Gates
- 7 Woodland Area

