

Parks and Beyond

Welcome to **BISHOP'S PARK**

Did you know you can walk to Southern Country Park from here? Take a stroll, leave the car at home and explore Southern Country Park and beyond.

This is one of five parks in the south west corner of Bishop's Stortford that are linked together by 'Parks and Beyond' circular walks. Follow the waymarked (green and orange) traffic free routes along grassy footpaths, bridleways and tarmaced paths; and look out for similar interpretation panels at Southern Country Park, Northern Parkland, Thorley Wedge and The Firs.



This 6.19 hectare (15.12 acre) open space is nestled just outside the residential area off Woodpecker Close. With a large area of amenity grassland surrounded by trees, it makes the perfect place for outdoor activities. A small road divides the site which has young children's play area on one side and separate sports wall area and open space for informal kickabout on the other.



Bishop's Park used to be part of Stortford Park Farm which was compulsorily purchased to make way for housing development. In the 13th century this area formed a part of the Bishop of London's Deer Park, and was used for hunting.



Grassland margins around the site have been left longer to create habitats suitable for invertebrates and small mammals; these areas are managed by annual cutting and removal of vegetation. The band of trees around the perimeter of the site acts as a screen between the houses and open space; the trees are managed by thinning and coppicing – cutting trees down to ground level and allowing them to regrow – to improve the structure of the woodland while retaining the screen.

This site is owned and managed by East Herts Council
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