

What is a Pocket Park?

Pocket Parks are local public green spaces which are owned, looked after and cherished by local communities for peaceful enjoyment and the protection of wildlife. There are over 70 Pocket Parks across Northamptonshire, for people to enjoy.

Who runs Braunston Pocket Park?

There is a committee of volunteers who make decisions about what is done at Jetty Field. The volunteers also do most of the work. There is an organised monthly work morning, which may involve as many as a dozen volunteers. There is also quite a lot of informal work done by individuals or small groups when they see that jobs need doing. Examples include strimming around the benches digging out the stream and tidying the perimeter fence mowing and making dead hedges.

What is a dead hedge?

Dead hedges are piles of branches and twigs arranged to form a barrier which are increasingly used to dispose of the material that arises from thinning or clearing operations in woodlands. Using surplus branches in this way is good for wildlife - especially for small mammals and birds - because it gives them somewhere to shelter that is protected from predators and from the wind and rain. Dead hedges are also good for insects.

How can I get an allotment?

To do this look at the Jetty Field page on the Braunston website. Use the contact to ask if one is available. Sometimes there are not enough allotments available for the people who would like one. A volunteer on the Jetty Field committee keeps a list of people who are waiting and allotments are allocated when they become available.

Are there any rules in Jetty Field?

Jetty Field provides a green open space for the peaceful recreation and enjoyment of the local community and visitors to the village. It aims to act as a nature conservation area to support plant and animal life. To enable these aims to be met, it is necessary to ask dog walkers to pick up after their pets. Metal detecting, camping, and using drones are not allowed.

How can I identify trees?

You can use an app on a phone. Search for Woodland Trust tree identification app. Or you can get a book such as 'I Spy Trees'.

How can I find out about plants?

You could look at the website <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/>. Or you can get a book such as 'I Spy Wildflowers'.

What birds can be seen in Jetty Field?

You are most likely to see the same birds that visit gardens in Braunston - starlings, sparrows, blackbirds, blue tits, great tits, robins, greenfinches, wrens, pigeons and many more. This website helps you identify birds - <https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/wildlife-guides/identify-a-bird/>

What reptiles are there in Jetty Field?

Britain has six species of reptiles. Some are very rare. The one you may see in in Jetty Field is the grass snake, but it is very shy and is likely to hide when it hears you coming.