

Queen's Park History

History

The park was acquired in 1857 and was laid out by the world renowned Sir Joseph Paxton. The park was dedicated to the memory of Mary, Queen of Scots and not Queen Victoria, a common misconception given the proximity to Victoria Road and that the park was created during her reign.

- Queen's Park is steeped in history and was the site of the sixteenth century Battle of Langside.
 - a circle of large stones at the highest point of the park is believed to be the remnants of an encampment which formed an important military position in connection with the Battle of Langside.
 - this battle allegedly took place on the slopes of the park, hence the name Camphill.
- The magnificent Camphill mansion, near the model boat pond, is once hosted collections of museum pieces for public viewing until it was tastefully restored to private residential properties.

Outstanding Features

- There are extensive views across the city from the flagpole and on a clear day the Campsie Fells and Ben Lomond are clearly visible.
- The Nursery and Display House feature a fine collection of sub-tropical plants and many types of flowering and foliage plants. The nursery also houses a Zen garden, ponds, tropical fish, exotic birds and an excellent reptile house.
- An extensive rose garden has been constructed to celebrate Glasgow hosting the World Rose Convention in July 2003. The theme of this commemorative garden is Scottish Poets from Burns to McDairmid.
- Located near the main walkway are an oak tree planted by Belgian refugees after the 1914-18 war and a beech tree which commemorates the 20th Anniversary of the founding of the United Nations in 1945.
- There is a nature pond which attracts mute swans, coots, moorhens, mallards, little grebe and tufted duck.