

# A haven for wildlife

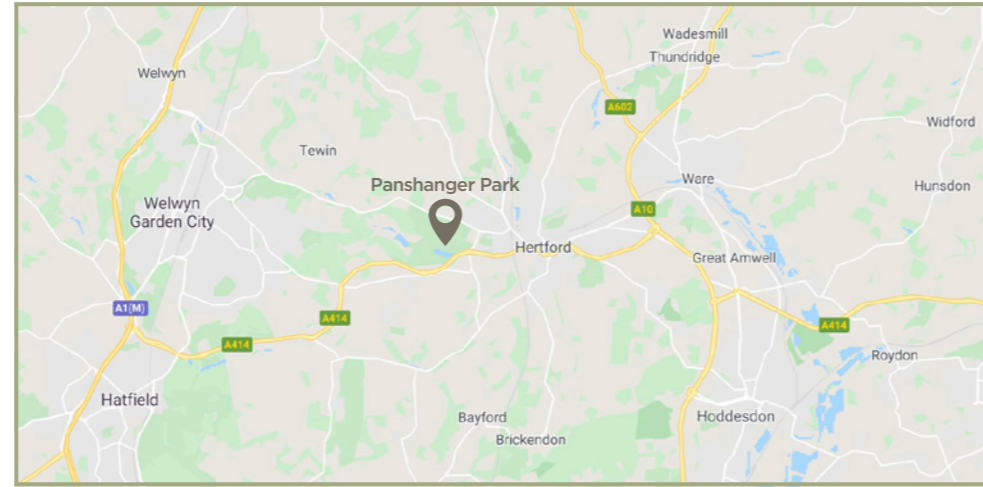
Panshanger Park consists of a mosaic of habitats including woodlands, wetlands, grasslands and reedbeds making the park a fantastic refuge for a variety of wildlife. Many of these habitats have been created through restoration following sand and gravel extraction.

During the spring and summer months, a multitude of wildflowers, butterflies, dragonflies and birds brings the park to life. Even in the autumn and winter, the park is far from quiet. Large numbers of ducks flock to the park from further afield to spend the winter on the lakes.

English Longhorn Cattle are one of the most majestic of our native breeds and are perfect for grazing historic parklands such as Panshanger Park. As well as looking spectacular, this form of conservation grazing improves grasslands by preventing dominant plants taking over, allowing wildflowers to thrive.



## Plan your visit



For information relating to volunteering opportunities and events please email [panshangerpark@hmwt.org](mailto:panshangerpark@hmwt.org). For information relating to the management of the park and commercial opportunities please email [panshangerpark@maydencroft.co.uk](mailto:panshangerpark@maydencroft.co.uk)



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# Welcome to Panshanger PARK



An historic and protected landscape, rich in wildlife



Working in partnership

## A park rich in history...

The park was owned by the Cowper and Desborough families from the late 17th century to the early 20th century and was shaped around the Mimram Valley following advice from renowned landscape designer Humphry Repton. The park is registered as a Grade II park and garden.

Sadly, Panshanger House no longer stands but other remnants of the historical features can be seen such as the Orangery, the Broadwater and the Panshanger Great Oak. Take a walk around our Oak Trail to take in the historic areas of the park.



# Welcome to Panshanger Park

Panshanger Park covers almost 1,000 acres of countryside situated within the beautiful Mimram Valley, which is rich in history and a haven for wildlife. The park is owned by Tarmac who have been sensitively quarrying the site since

the 1980s. Over 4 million tonnes of sand and gravel have been quarried with much of this material being used to build homes and roads throughout Hertfordshire.

As extraction has now come to an end, large areas of the park are being opened up and managed for public enjoyment and conservation. Tarmac manages the park in partnership with Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust and Herts County Council. Maydencroft are responsible for day to day park management working on behalf of Tarmac.



# Enjoying Panshanger Park

Bringing your dog – With extensive paths and open space, Panshanger Park is the perfect place to walk your dog. Please remember that you are responsible for your dogs' behaviour at all times. Dog bins are provided so please remember to clear up after your dog. Your dog can also have a refreshing splash in our dog dip. However please do not allow your dog to enter the river or any of the other water bodies except at this designated area. Feel free to walk your dog through cattle-grazed areas but please keep your dog on a lead.

Horsing around – A fantastic way to explore the park is on horseback. Please keep to permissive bridleways and be aware that walkers and cyclists are also welcome to use these paths. Horseboxes are not permitted in the car parks unless attending specific events.

Fishy business – Fishing of the lakes and river is managed by

Panshanger Anglers. If you would like to join this friendly and welcoming angling club please contact them via their website: [www.panshanger-anglers.co.uk](http://www.panshanger-anglers.co.uk)

Exploring – There are many permissive paths in the park so please help protect it by sticking to them. Please be aware that the paths are permissive and may be subject to temporary closure. Remember that some parts of the park are still undergoing restoration. Therefore please abide by any safety signs and do not go through locked gates or over fences. They are there for your safety and to protect the park's wildlife and heritage.

