

Our meadows are as important for wildlife as

bluebells as well as putting up boxes for birds woodland wild flowers such as wild garlic and Friends of Clayton Vale have planted many of the trees. With the help of local schools, the to improve safety and ensure the future health time, we are carrying out extensive management As many of the trees were planted at the same

Moodland

Meadows kingfishers can often be seen. with fish, and wildlife such as herons and improved water quality, the river was restocked But it is not all bad news, recent restoration has

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For all other information visit

www.medlockvalley.org.uk

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To organise a group visit, make a booking

for an event or report a problem, contact

To report a security incident, contact Park

Security on **0161 223 3678** or **Greater**

To find out more about Clayon Vale, contact

the Medlock Valley Project Officer on

Manchester Police on 0161 872 5050 (in

Manchester City Council on

an extent that the river stopped being able to banks, these decreased the water quality to such on the river with factories & waste tips lining its The Industrial revolution exacted a heavy toll

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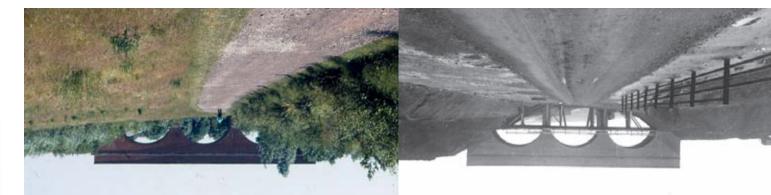
urbanised areas including parts of Failsworth, Castlefield. It is an important river draining many kilometres before merging with the river Irwell at & Oldham into Manchester, it runs for 21 The River Medlock flows west from Tameside

hope to improve facilities for fishing in the future. of their reedbeds which are locally scarce. We ponds are Sites of Biological Importance because minibeasts, fish and water birds. Two of the with a variety of wildlife including frogs, toads, There are four ponds in Clayton Vale all teeming

These include: different habitats for wildlife. Clayton Vale offers a number of



landscape setting, accessible for everyone. was to attract wildlife and create a pleasant were also improved and developed. The aim oaks were planted. A path network and ponds 250,000 trees, such as willows, poplars and 1982. Over a 10-15 year period, approximately purchased and began reclamation of the land in a barren landscape. Manchester City Council Tipping ceased in the 1970s, leaving behind



been tipped on was in current use as a landfill site. 1966 the entire area of Clayton Vale had either In the 1920s larger scale tipping began and by

help their search. free coal on the tip, taking shovels and picks to people, desperate for coal, went in search for During the miner's strike in the 1920s, local

Vale in order to extend the ash tip". cottage and divert the footpath at Clayton it is necessary for us to demolish the stated: "The time has now arrived when Corporation and Electrical Department the Chief Engineer for Manchester On 16th July 1919 a statement by

general household waste. Station. It later became a municipal tip for tip for the ash cinders from Stuart Street Power hospital and nunnery, and turned the site into a bnıcyase pnılqıugs, such as the smallpox In 1907 Manchester Corporation began to

Clayton Vale during the 1800s. Street Power Station were all established around Print and dye works, Bradford Colliery and Stuart

(due to the steep sides on the south of the river). small wooded valley or hollow) and Clayton Alps names, including The Dingle (a nickname for a Over the years it has been know by a number of

haven you see today. recently returned back to the green turned into a municipal tip and more an area of countryside, it was later changes throughout history. Originally Clayton Vale has experienced many

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Welcome

Clayton Vale local nature reserve is located in the heart of the Medlock Valley in east Manchester. The Vale covers approximately four square miles of urban countryside that you are free to roam and enjoy at your

Things to do

Health Walks

Monday 1.30pm and Wednesday 10.00am Clayton Vale Centre, Edge Lane Contact **NHS PACE team** on **0161 681 0940** for more information.

Fishing

Fishing is a popular activity at the pond near the Iron Bridge. Please respect the site and its wildlife and remember to dispose of rubbish responsibly.

Nature Walks & Bird Watching

Pathways around Clayton Vale allow you to take a gentle stroll along the river or to admire the view from above the Vale. Watch out for wildlife including butterflies, dragonflies, squirrels and many different birds.

Pond Dipping

The dipping pond near Clayton Vale Centre at Edge Lane is full of wildlife. Watch out for advertised events (all equipment provided).

Public Events

The Vale is host to a wide range of public events. Contact **Leisure Services** on **0161 223 8278** for more information.

People

Clayton Vale is managed and cared for by a variety of people, including volunteers and paid workers. The Friends of Clayton Vale volunteer time and energy to help look after the area (visit www.friendsofclaytonvale.org.uk) The Medlock Valley Project leads on improvements to the Medlock Valley and Manchester City Council's Leisure Department is responsible for all of the city's parks and open spaces. The park wardens liaise with the community and organise events with schools and local groups.



▲ Friends of Clayton Vale

Main Entrances

Visiting the Vale

• Edge Lane • Bank Bridge Road



Parking is available at the Bank Bridge Road entrance in front of the arches. Parking at Clayton Vale Centre is limited, though there is facility for parking nearby at the Bay Horse Pub (with permission). There is also on-street parking around the Vale.



information.

The 217 and 218 buses (Manchester to **Tameside General Hospital**) alight at Chatsworth Road off Edge Lane. Buses 236, 237, 216 (Manchester to Ashton) alight at Edge Lane, followed by a 15 minute walk to the Vale. Visit **www.gmpte.com** for timetable



Clayton Vale Centre, Edge Lane Manchester M11 Home to the Friends group & an ideal base for events & activities (nearest postcode is the Bay Horse public house: M40 1GR).







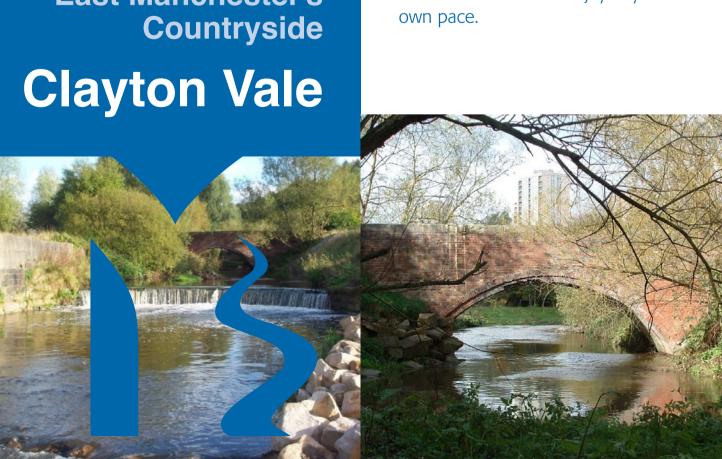


▲ View down the Vale

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▲ Bridge over the River Medlock

