



Guided tour of University Park

In July, we enjoyed a guided heritage tour with two volunteers from the Friends of University Park around a few of the many interesting places in the park. University Park is the main campus of the University of Nottingham and home to many students and staff. It is a beautiful park of about 300 acres with many areas of interest, beautiful trees and planted garden areas together with several original buildings that were there before the University.

Our guides took us around the exterior of some of University Park's Historic Houses. We were told about the rich history of some of the properties and their inhabitants. This included Lenton Hall, now part of the Hugh Stewart Hall, Highfield House and the Trent Building. We also had chance to look at some of the lovely gardens around the Park. Every now and then, 'Jesse Boot' popped up in various stages of his life, to tell us his part in the story and how he wanted to improve the lives of people in Nottingham. He donated the land and gave a lot of money to the University.