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North Yorkshire
WaterPark

ADVENTURE *Awaits*



The North Yorkshire WaterPark is designed to delight the whole family, from toddlers to daredevil thrill seekers. A substantial investment means there's even more on offer in 2021. The existing Aquapark pedalos, kayaking, paddle boarding and open-water swimming opportunities have all proved very popular. This year the WaterPark will be hugely updated with the construction of an exciting wake boarding line and a new café.

Separate lakes allow fishing enthusiasts to enjoy their sport in peace, while walkers, cyclists and runners can challenge themselves on the 2.5km gravel path encircling the main lake. The site is also a haven for wildlife. The Estate's joiners have been busy building new bench seating, bat, bird and barn owl boxes plus an osprey-friendly nesting platform.

"It's an extremely exciting time for the WaterPark. This

new development will really cement The Estate's place amongst the leading leisure and tourism attractions of Yorkshire," says David Steel, the Chief Executive of Dawnay Estates.

"The cherry on the cake, so to speak, will be the new café and paved viewing area. It's been a fantastic team effort and we can't wait to welcome even more guests this summer."

- **Wakeboard Line and Aquapark**

With new & improved facilities

- **Watersports, wildlife and café**

6 miles inland from Scarborough

- **Opens May 2021**

Enjoy the many 'Pay As You Play' options

Lakeside Café – opens June 2021

With an outdoor paved terrace overlooking the lake, the new 70 seater café will be the perfect spot to enjoy breakfast, coffee or lunch. The improved catering along with a spacious private room will make the Lakeside Café an ideal venue for parties and corporate team building events.



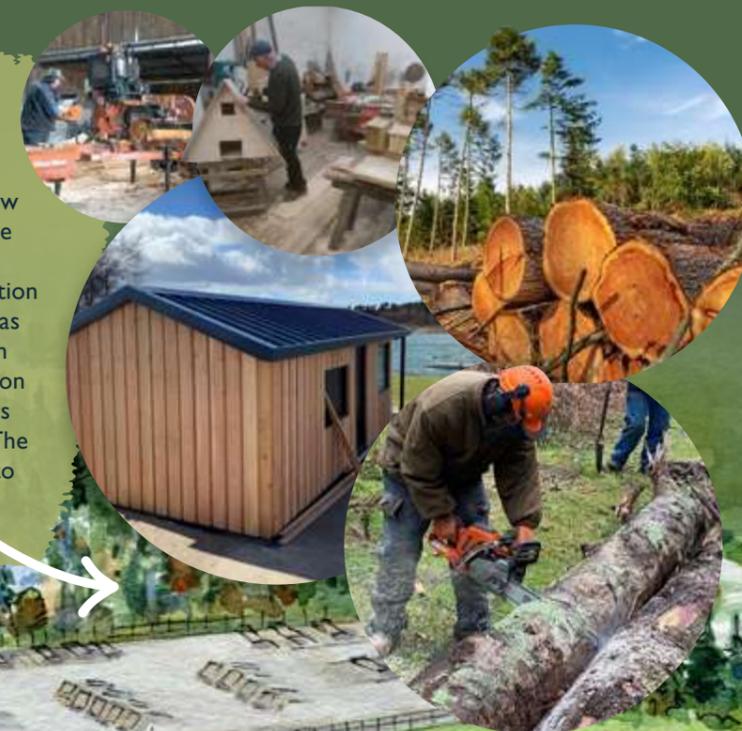
Infrastructure

While digging trenches for new water pipes, our contractors have also laid 1,400 metres of ducting. This can be used for future cabling, such as fibreoptic internet connections.

Sustainability

Local and Estate sourced materials have been used wherever possible. Buildings both old and new are clad in Douglas fir; felled and cut to size on site from Estate forestry in Bedale.

Estate joiner, Steve Dees, has made the Reception desks and table tops in the Café from the timber, as well as bird boxes, including two designed for barn owls, and bat boxes. This follows a recommendation by a recent wildlife survey to increase bat numbers by installing more roosting sites nearer the lake. The team have also constructed a high-level platform to encourage ospreys to nest.



Planting

Thriving Estate business Wykeham Mature Plants, just 3 miles away, has supplied the trees and shrubs for our landscaping. Their renowned laurel hedging screens off utilities and storage areas.



Ecology & Wildlife

Nature thrives in the wetland and woodland habitats. To help with wildlife spotting, The Estate is installing interpretation panels and benches along the paths and cycle routes. Look out for:

(Survey sources & photos: Nick Addey, Chris Bull, Allan Rodda, Nick Gibbons, Iain Leadley)

7 bat species such as the *Soprano pipistrelle* and *Daubenton's bats*

19 dragonfly species such as the rare *Hairy Dragonfly* and *Willow Emerald Damselfly*

425 moth species for example *Leopard Moth*, *Pine Hawk* and *Mullein Moth*

150 bird species including *Water Pipit*, *Great Northern Diver* and *Lesser Spotted Woodpecker*



In Safe Hands



James Whitehead,
Operations Manager:
Before this in-house role, James ran our watersports for 4 years through his own company. In 2018 his volunteer work for Filey Sailing Club earned him a national award, presented by HRH The Princess Royal.



Gareth Davies MBE,
General Manager:
Royal Logistics Corps veteran Gareth looks after the day-to-day running of the WaterPark. He was recognised in the 2020 Queen's Birthday Honours List for his work with Scarborough Sea Cadets.

Bowling up true craftsmanship

The world's best cricket bats are made from English White Willow. It's durable, dense but light. Local carpenter and professional cricketer Jack Holt is now branching out to create cricket bats from Dawnay Estate grown timber.

"I was a junior for Yorkshire and have played for Scarborough for 11 years," says Jack. "I started making bats six years ago while playing in Australia. It's so satisfying to combine working with wood and cricket into a business."



Light at the end of the tunnel



A fast internet connection has proved to be more vital than ever for business during the pandemic. Since opening in 2004, The Wykeham Business Centre has steadily increased its internet feed from an initially impressive 10 megabytes (Mbps) and provided a Wifi connection to Farfield Business Park's workshops and light industrial units 650 metres away. However increased demand meant an upgrade was in order.

"Working with C>Ways, a long term tenant and IT provider at WBC, our team dug a 60 cm wide trench between the sites," explains Commercial and Residential Lettings Manager Katrina Shamel. "So as not to disturb the ground at Farfield, they thrust bored under the car park for 70 metres with the drilling equivalent of a giant corkscrew. Cabling contractors then pulled through fibre optic cables so we can now deliver up to 1,000 Mbps. Our businesses, offices, home schoolers and residential tenants now enjoy the fastest internet speed for miles around!"



Where there's muck, there's grass!

For 25 years oilseed rape has been the main break crop in the Wykeham Farms crop rotation. Recently the cabbage stem flea beetle has been causing damage to the crop with up to 50% being lost in some years. "It was just too much of a risk to grow oilseed rape for the 2021 harvest," explains Farm and Environment Advisor David Edwards "so we decided to look for alternative break crops to join potatoes and spring beans in the rotation."

"Also we were keen to find a way of including grass leys along with bringing livestock manures onto the farm for spreading on arable fields to help improve our soils in the long term."

Working with neighbouring livestock farmers Wykeham Farms has been able to introduce grass leys and maize into the rotation. The grass will help control blackgrass on the heavier soil types and farmyard manure will be spread on the fields growing maize providing natural, chemical free fertilizer.

Hello

A warm welcome to **Rebecca Hall** our new Financial Controller and **Chloe Fuller**, Accounts Assistant



Goodbyes

We say good bye to **Liz Bryant** and **Racheal Bee** from the accounts department who are both moving on to pastures new

Events on the Estate

5th June
Wykeham Pleasure Ride
Derwent Hunt

6th June
Yorkshire Wolds
Motor Club Rally

3rd July
Countryman's Challenge Day

7th & 8th August
Enduro Rally (motorbikes)



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