

Welcome to the John Dony Field Centre

At the John Dony Field Centre you can explore the natural history of Luton and the surrounding area through displays, events and taught sessions. Discover more about local significant natural history sites cared for by the borough's Nature Conservation Service.

The centre also has its very own wildlife garden which is used during events and taught sessions and a mural inspired by nature and created by young people from the Prince's Trust.

We deliver learning opportunities and events for all ages and interests on the theme of natural history and nature conservation. A fully-equipped classroom is available or the room may be booked for meetings. Field studies can be undertaken in various wildlife habitats within the Luton borough.

If you would like to see a member of staff, please phone for an appointment to guarantee that someone will be there to help you as staff are often working on the countryside sites.

We are committed to being accessible for people with sensory and visual impairments, people with mental health issues, physical and mobility difficulties, young people, elderly people and families. Our commitment to widening access goes beyond physical access to buildings and includes our exhibitions, facilities and programmes.

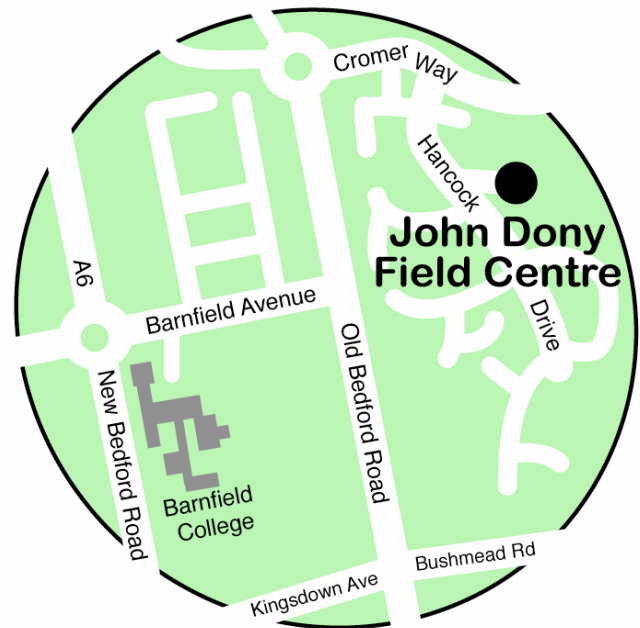
This leaflet will help you to plan your visit by giving you information on how to get to the John Dony Field Centre, how you can access information about our sites, what facilities are available at the Centre, as well as exhibitions and displays.

Alternative formats of this leaflet are available from Museum information desks, can be downloaded from www.museumsluton.com or can be sent to you before your visit by calling 01582 546659.

Getting Here

John Dony Field Centre
Hancock Drive
Bushmead
Luton
LU2 7SF

Tel: 01582 486983



The John Dony Field Centre is located in Bushmead Community Centre, within the Bushmead Estate, 3 miles north of Luton town centre.

Getting here on foot

The John Dony Field Centre is 3 miles or about 45 - 60 minute walk from Luton (Town) railway station, down Midland Road and along Old Bedford Road. Then follow the A505 and off the A6 (New Bedford Road) towards Bedford. Bushmead Community Centre and The John Dony Field Centre are signposted along the A6.

By taxi, Dial-a-Ride

Set down and pick up in the car park in Bushmead Shopping Centre or outside the Bushmead Community Centre main entrance. This is a short walk to the street-level entrance.

Bicycle parking

There are currently no bicycle racks at the John Dony Field Centre and Bushmead Community Centre

Getting here by car

- 3 miles from Luton Town Centre along A505 then A6 towards Bedford
- Free parking at Bushmead Shopping Centre (immediately adjacent to John Dony Field Centre)
- Set down and pick up outside the Bushmead Community Centre main entrance. This is a short walk to the street-level entrance.

Getting here by public transport

Rail

- The closest station is Luton (Town) Station (Midland Road exit)
- Please note John Dony Field Centre is approx. 3 miles from Luton train station and therefore you may prefer to take a taxi the remainder of the journey. Taxis are located directly outside of the Station Road exit

Buses

- Monday – Saturday catch the Arriva bus No. 24 or 25 from Stop S1 in Silver Street, Luton Town Centre. Buses run every 15 minutes. www.arrivabus.co.uk
- Please note the bus journey between Luton Town Centre and the John Dony Field Centre takes approximately 20 – 35 minutes on weekdays. This journey time on occasion may include more than 10 minutes walking during return journeys to Luton Town Centre.
- Bus stops are located in Silver Street at the back of The Mall shopping centre.
- We advise that you check with www.transportdirect.info particularly when planning your journey on a Sunday.

Admission

Free entry for all

Charges apply for some events, activity workshops and all taught sessions. These are always advertised in our What's On booklets or Schools Programme.

We are also committed to giving free entry to events for carers of 'looked-after' and foster children, elderly and disabled people to ensure that visitors can come to the site with the people who support them.

Access to information

- Telephone: 01582 486983 (all enquiries)
- Email for access queries: museumsoutreach@lutonculture.com
- Website: www.museumsluton.com/cinehubEast/museumsluton-exhibition.nsf/LookupAreas/CAD1851CF576DDBE80257589004FDC62?OpenDocument
- Free What's On event guides for adults and families
- Induction loop available at reception in Bushmead Community Centre
- Large print and audio versions of this leaflet and What's On guides are available from Museum information desks, can be downloaded from www.museumsluton.com or can be sent to you before your visit by calling 01582 546659.

Access to exhibitions and displays

- Seating available in the centre
- Free entry to temporary exhibitions

Visitor facilities

- The nearest food outlets are located next door in the Bushmead Shopping Centre
- John Dony Field Centre opening times:
 - Always open for programmed events.

To access the John Dony Field Centre at all other times, please contact Bushmead Community Centre reception on 01582 422 818.

- Bushmead Community Centre opening times:

Mon - Tues 9.30am – 9.30pm

Wed - Thurs 9.30am – 9.00pm

Fri 9.30am – 5.00pm

Sat - Sun available for social bookings

Equipment

- Clip boards and pencils available from a member of staff

Seating

- Seating available in the centre

Toilets

- Non-adapted toilets available in the community centre
- An accessible toilet is available in the community centre
- Child-size toilet and sink available
- Baby changing facilities in the community centre

Buildings and Wildlife Garden

- Guide, hearing and assistance dogs are welcome
- Seating available throughout the centre
- Wildlife Garden with small pond accessed via John Dony Field Centre or gate on Hancock Drive
- Audible fire alarm system in the building
- Small pathway and hard standing area in the wildlife garden

Access issues to be aware of when visiting the John Dony Field Centre and using our services

Visitors with visual impairments

- Guide dogs are welcome

- Audible fire alarm system throughout site
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- Wildlife Garden accessed via the John Dony Field Centre or gate on Hancock Drive.

Visitors with hearing impairments

- Hearing and assistance dogs are welcome
- Induction loop available at Bushmead Community Centre reception
- Wildlife Garden accessed via the John Dony Field Centre or gate on Hancock Drive.
- Audible fire alarm system throughout site
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Visitors with mobility impairments

- Guide, hearing and assistance dogs are welcome
- The field and community centre are wheelchair, pushchair and scooter accessible
- An accessible toilet
- There is level access into the John Dony Field Centre and Wildlife Garden via Bushmead Community Centre main entrance. The Wildlife Garden can also be accessed via a gate on Hancock Drive.
- Seating in the John Dony Field Centre consists of plastic chairs
- Seating in the community centre are soft chairs. Corridor padded chairs