

# Quorn Parish Council welcomes you to Stafford Orchard

## School Lane Gate

We hope you enjoy your visit and find it both fun and interesting. Look out for the heritage boards around the park which provide information on the history and wildlife of the area. The play equipment is designed with different age groups in mind, and there are areas set away from these where you can enjoy the peace and quiet in a tranquil setting such as the sensory garden at the far end adjoining Station Road and the seats and benches by the brook.

The nearby bridge over the brook was rebuilt in 1897 as part of the village's Victoria Diamond Jubilee commemoration. The first photo shows the demolition of the old bridge, the second shows

children enjoying playing on the temporary bridge where the brook had to be diverted while the new bridge foundations were laid. It was intended to call the bridge 'Victoria Bridge' but for some reason the name was never adopted.

On the other side of the brook is Wright's factory which in the 19th century was one of the earliest manufacturers of elastic webbing. In 1896 it employed more than 600 people and later produced webbing for the armed forces in both World Wars as well as products for personal clothing. The brook was important for dyeing and raising steam power. Today the factory makes hi-tech products used in the aerospace, military, and leisure industries.

The park has a full-time groundsman who is based in the Park Services Building located by the main entrance.

Find out more about Quorn's history at [www.quornmuseum.com](http://www.quornmuseum.com)



A photograph taken in the early 1900s of children playing in School Lane outside the cottages. It is unusual to see such an early 'action' shot from the days when formal poses were the order of the day. It is nice to see the smiling faces.



When the Rev. Kelcey came to Quorn in 1892 he brought with him a pneumatic tyred bicycle - the first to be seen in the village. He gave many villagers a lift on his way around the parish. Here he is riding along School Lane, almost at the spot where you are standing now.



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