

# the outdoor classroom

## mereway and kneller timeline

Date	Mereway Nature Park	Kneller Gardens	Mereway Bathing Place	West Twickenham and Whitton
1540's		Original weir constructed to divide the flow of water between the Crane and Duke of Northumberland's River.		Duke of Northumberland's River constructed to bring water from the River Crane to Sion, Isleworth.
1819	Freehold owned by John Fish. Described as meadow.	Owned by the Duke of Northumberland. Described as meadow.		
1848				London and SW Railways Windsor Line constructed.
1863	Open land.	Open land part of Warren Farm.		
1864	Market Gardens.			
1879-1932	Twickenham borough Sewage works and Dust Destructor at Mereway (current Council Depot site).			
1883-1909	Isolation (Fever) Hospital at Mereway (current Council Depot site). 1909 moved further from urban areas to Hospital Bridge Road.			
1895			Mereway Bathing Place opened.	
1896	Marsh on site drained.			
1897	Land owned by Borough of Twickenham.	Farm name changed to Jubilee Farm in honour of Queen Victoria's Diamond jubilee.		
1911			62,655 male bathers and 9,680 female bathers. The superintendent said "the numbers have become so large that it is difficult to accommodate hours for both sexes."	
1914	Site listed as Allotments.		H. Goodfellow listed Caretaker of Twickenham Swimming Baths <a href="http://www.historicaldirectories.org">www.historicaldirectories.org</a>	
1920s			School swimming galas held in the bathing place.	

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1930				Whitton Station opens.
		Jubilee farm estate. Building of railway.		
1931-33				Great Chertsey Road constructed
1930's	Sewage works closed following the opening of Mogden – then the largest sewage works in Europe.			Extension to Meadway including a new bridge over the River Crane. New housing estates, Twickenham and Whitton.
1932		Kneller Gardens opens		
Mid 1930's			Bathing place closed due to increased concerns about pollution in the river.	Lower part of the River Crane straightened and put into concrete channel. Gravel extracted.
1939-45		Air raid shelter built in the park by the Meadway entrance.		Air raids on Richmond College, where parts for aircraft were being made.
October 1990	Site closed as allotments and remaining tenants moved to other allotment sites.			
2003	Friends of the River Crane Environment (FORCE) formed to oppose building on several sites along the River Crane.			
2005		Friends of Kneller Gardens formed.		
2006	Site renamed as Mereway Nature Park.			
2009	Kingfisher Bridge opens.	Kingfisher Bridge opens together with a new cycle path across Kneller Gardens.		
2010		Pavilion renovated.		
2011				
2012				