



Maesteg Welfare Park

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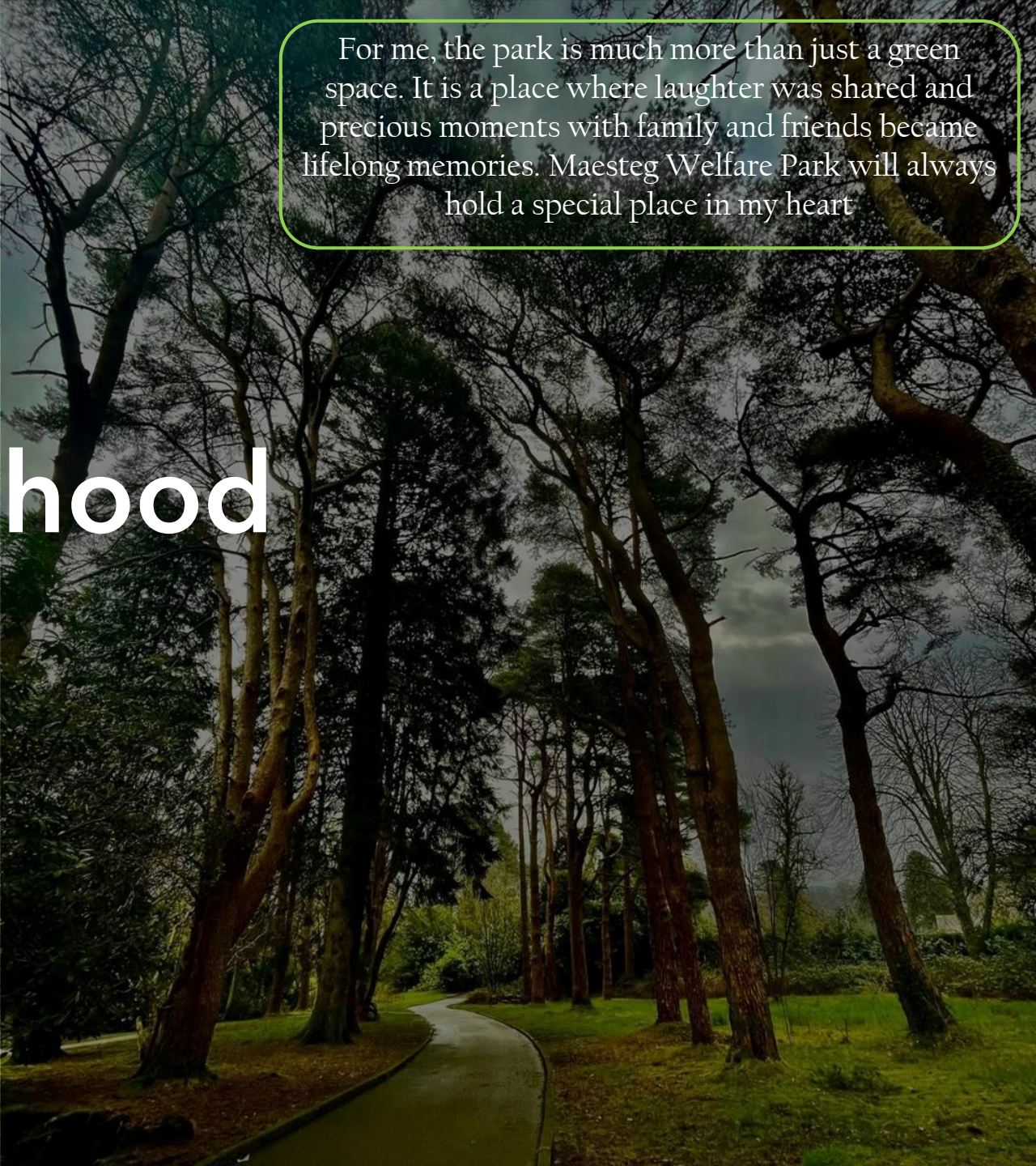
John Muir Experience



Childhood

Maesteg Welfare Park has been an integral and deeply sentimental part of my childhood. It is a place filled with treasured memories, from primary school trips and sports days to picnics and countless days out with family and friends.

For me, the park is much more than just a green space. It is a place where laughter was shared and precious moments with family and friends became lifelong memories. Maesteg Welfare Park will always hold a special place in my heart





Outdoor learning space



Park



Historic Mining Sculpture



Allotment



Sports court

Learning Opportunities

The learning opportunities in Maesteg Welfare Park are endless. From a dedicated outdoor learning area for children to a playground, sports courts, an allotment, a river, historic sculptures and vast open spaces, the park provides countless opportunities for exploration, play, physical activity and hands-on learning in nature.

Summer



Autumn



Spring



Winter

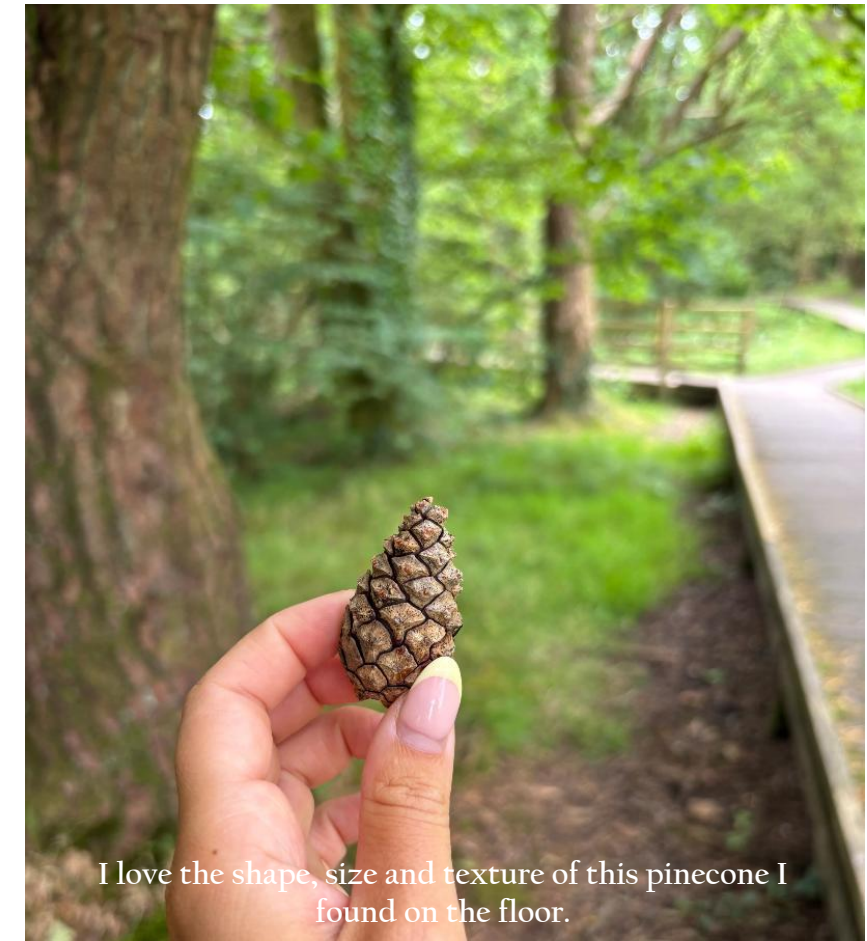
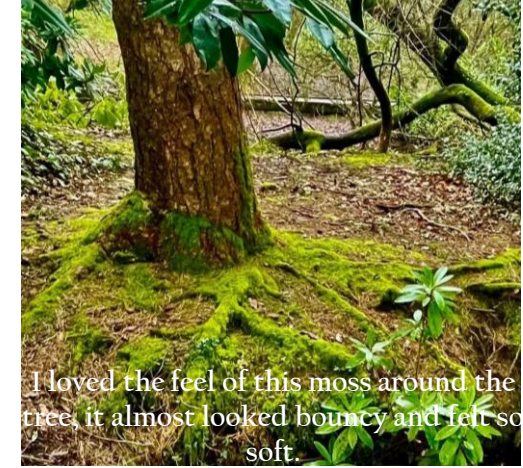
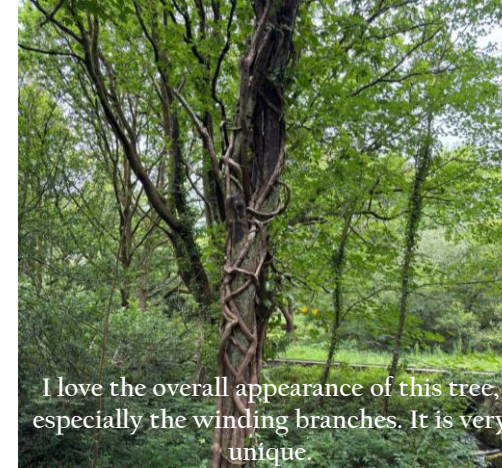


Seasons

The seasons have a clear impact on the appearance and atmosphere of Maesteg Welfare Park. Summer brings a bright, warm environment, while winter creates a cold, frosty landscape. Autumn fills the park with crisp air and vibrant shades of orange and spring transforms it with colourful flowers and new growth, making each visit a unique experience.

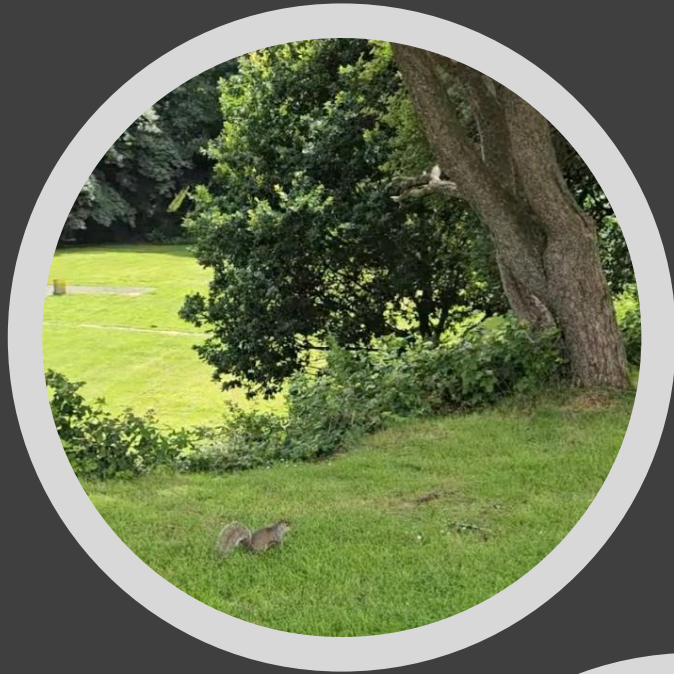
Textures and Scenery

From bright flowers and rough pinecones to running streams and the scent of fresh blossoms, Maesteg Welfare Park offers endless opportunities for exploration, discovery and appreciation of the natural world through all the senses.





A variety of bird houses.



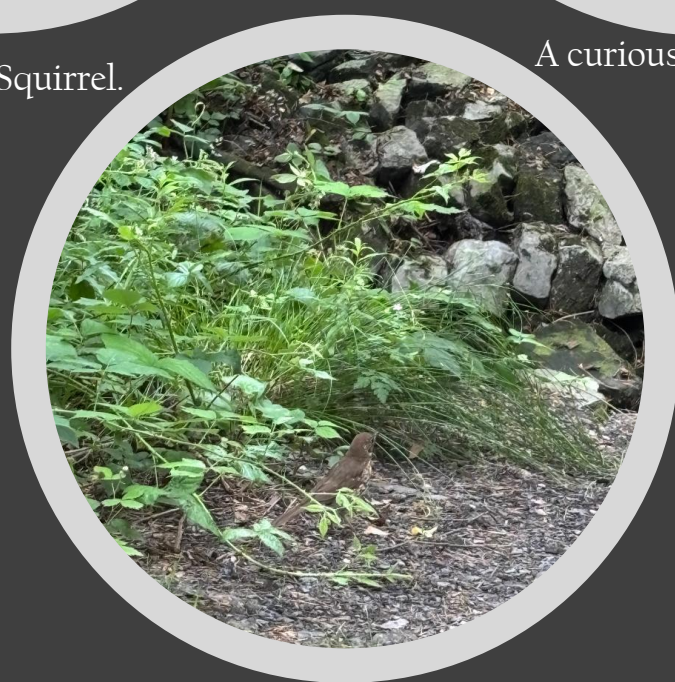
A cheeky Squirrel.



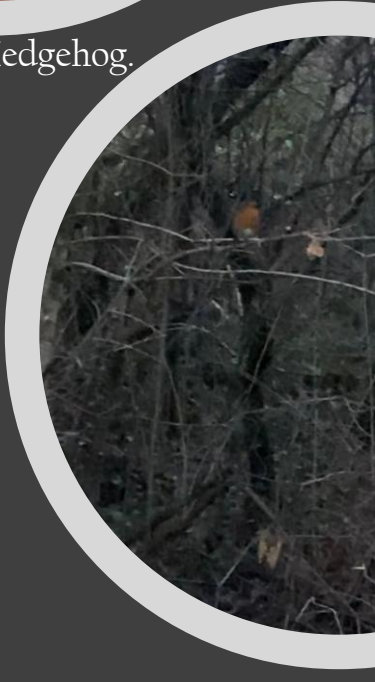
A curious Hedgehog.

Wildlife in Maesteg Welfare Park

Whilst I have discovered numerous forms of wildlife around the park, these are the ones I have been able to photograph.



A speckled Juvenile House Sparrow.



A beautiful Robin.

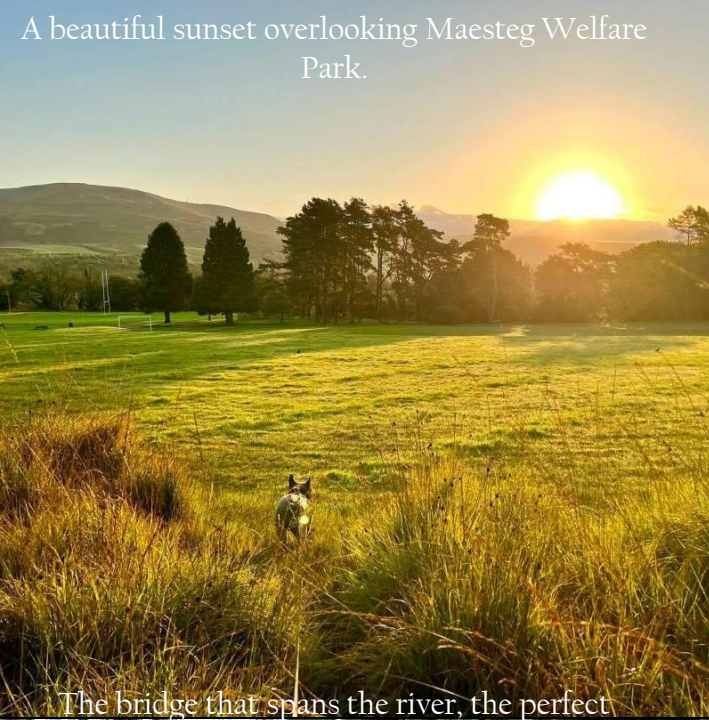


Conserve

For the conserve part of the challenge, I completed a litter pick alongside my brother and partner as well as making bird biscuits with the children I work with. The litter pick was completed in and around Maesteg Welfare Park and the biscuits were placed next to the trees with bird houses in the park.



A beautiful sunset overlooking Maesteg Welfare Park.



The bridge that spans the river, the perfect peaceful spot.



Reflection

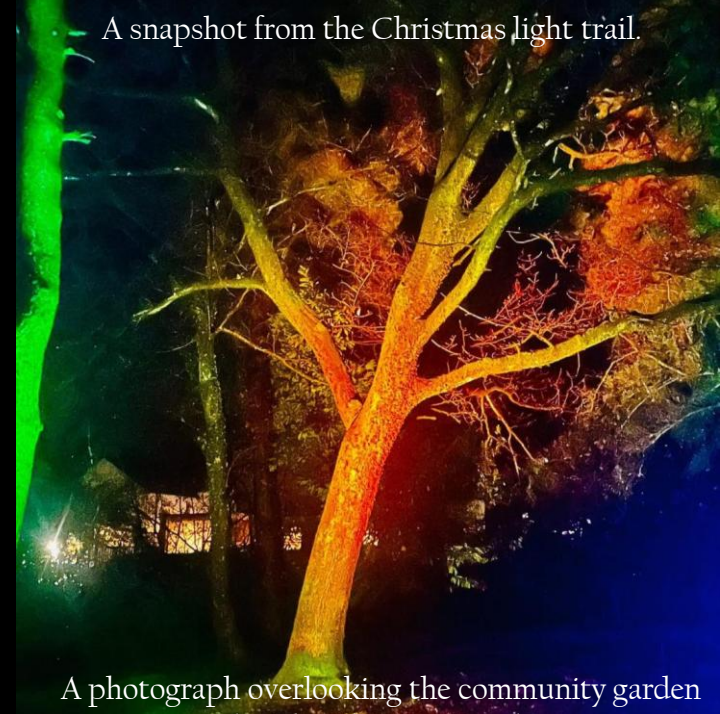
On reflection, it is evident that Maesteg Welfare Park is much more than just a park. It is a valued community space that brings people together, providing opportunities to explore, learn about and appreciate the natural world.

The park offers a peaceful environment where visitors can relax and enjoy the sounds of birds, while also serving as a venue for community events such as a Christmas light trail.

It caters to people of all ages, with children able to enjoy the free community garden and adults making use of the sports courts and other recreational facilities.

By combining opportunities for recreation, education and community engagement, Maesteg Welfare Park plays an important role in enhancing the wellbeing and quality of life of residents.

A snapshot from the Christmas light trail.



A photograph overlooking the community garden (outdoor learning area).

