

BUFFY PARK

Bute Park

Bute park is the green heart of the capital. In the year 1947, the Fifth Marquess of Bute gifted the Castle and grounds to the people of Cardiff and the land was turned into a public park which opened on April 15th, 1949. Being that the park was gifted from the Fifth Marquess of Bute is why it is named Bute Park.

It is estimated that the park occupies around 59 hectares. Over the years there have been many things going on through the park, Music events, Light shows, garden shows etc. However as the years have gone on, Bute Park has been a playground for crime. From criminal damage, to sexual assault and even murder. A lot of people who come to Cardiff are unaware of the types of crimes that go on within the park and it is the same for a lot of people who live within Cardiff. Especially University students.

Bute Park is a very dangerous place at night due to all the different routes you can take. It is also filled with tall trees, tall bushes and tall grass which lowers the visibility greatly in certain areas. Another issue is that there are barely any lights and CCTV. The reason for this is because of the cost, eco emissions and it will be damaging to wildlife. Thus having no CCTV and security, means it is very dangerous for the public at night, especially Women.

Over the past few years there have been many reports of different types of crimes. There have been multiple sexual assault cases within the park, these are mainly at night or very early in the morning when there is no one around. One report stated that a tourist was lost looking for her hotel and she got led to the park by a man once she asked for directions. This man then led her off the main path, strangled her and then proceeded to sexually assault her. The suspect was arrested but for the poor woman, her life had changed.

There was even another report within the park where a man had been murdered by 3 others, these three were then given life sentences by the City council. The park, as beautiful as it may be, is a very dangerous place. This campaign is to inform everyone of the dangers so that we can work together as a community to keep everyone safe at night.

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HOW TO STAY SAFE

There are many ways you can keep yourself and others safe at night. It is known that Bute park is an easy way to get to Cardiff Metropolitan University and to get from one side of Cardiff to the other, but the easiest way to stay safe at night is to go the longer way and avoid the park altogether If you are going to go through the park then you should always consider these steps:

Never walk **alone**

Carry a **torch** or make sure you have enough **battery** on your phone to use the phone torch.

Stay in **visible** areas

Stay on a well known path,
No **shortcuts!**

Always **call** somebody
and stay on the **phone**

A map of the park showing the most safe route to take would be placed here along with the non-traditional touchpoint which would be a light up of words within the town and park in the Noto fonts.