

# MAYDENCROFT WINS CONTRACT AT PANSHANGER PARK



Enrique Moranmontero and Jez Perkins

## Tarmac has appointed Maydencroft landscape management company to assist in the running of Hertfordshire's famous Panshanger Park.

A specialist team will be responsible for the day-to-day running of the park, providing support to both Tarmac and Hertfordshire and Middlesex Wildlife Trust.

Maydencroft Ltd, based on a working farm near Hitchin, with a regional office in Windsor, is a UK market leader in a range of environmental services.

Its consultants lead specialist teams managing and administering forestry, farmland, rivers, wetlands, historic landscapes and gardens.

The company also manages new developments which include the creation of nature reserves and urban landscaping projects.

Tarmac has now completed its extraction phase of sand and gravel and will restore the park as a public amenity. Owned by the Cowper family from the late 17th century to the early 20th century, the Panshanger Estate was shaped around the Mimram Valley.

Both Humphry Repton and Lancelot 'Capability' Brown advised

in its creation. It's registered as a Grade II park and garden by Historic England.

Much of the site has been restored to arable farming and a range of valuable wildlife habitats including a new section of chalk river and a number of lakes.

The park, which was opened to the public in 2014, is made up of a mosaic of habitats including woodlands, wetlands, grasslands and reed beds with a variety of wildlife.

During the spring and summer months, a multitude of wildflowers, butterflies, dragonflies and birds brings it to life. Large numbers of ducks migrate there from the north to spend the winter on the lakes so Panshanger is a popular place to

visit throughout the year.

Maydencroft has assigned a dedicated team, including two rangers and an Estates Manager, to support Tarmac and the Trust. Its multidisciplinary team will deliver projects that focus on heritage, public amenity and biodiversity.

Tom Williams, Managing Director at Maydencroft says: "Now that mineral extraction is complete at Panshanger Park, and Tarmac is progressing with the final restoration works, we'll bring our expertise and knowledge to this important final phase of the transition from a operational site into a country park and nature reserve."

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