

## A Brief History Of Gatty Park

Mr. Frederick Albert Gatty born in the Alsace region of France in 1819 moved to Lancashire in 1842 following an invitation from Mr. Frederick Steiner who had noticed Mr. Gatty's talents as he worked as a calico printer, (a method of printing onto cloth), in Alsace, for which this region of France was famous.

Following great success improving the dyeing of 'Turkey Red' (known as 'Gatty Red' in the east), Mr. Gatty went on to become most famous for his improvements to the dyeing of Khaki. Khaki, meaning 'dust colour' in Hindustani, went on to replace the Gatty Red uniforms during the Boer war and is still dyed using much the same technique to this day.



Mr. Gatty married in 1855 moving into Elmfield Hall on its completion, where he lived out the rest of his days. It is interesting to note that Mr. Green the architect who designed Elmfield Hall went on to design the Accrington Town Hall (known at the time as the Peel Institute). During the first world war the hall was equipped as a military hospital for wounded soldiers by the surviving members of the Gatty Family. Finally the hall and grounds were left to the people of Church as a public park in April, 1920 by the Gatty Family.



Gatty Park is located off Hyndburn Road in Accrington; it is also accessible from Riding Barn Street



**By Car:**  
Situated off Hyndburn Road (A679)

**By Bus:**  
Bus number 2 from Accrington

**By Train**  
It is a 15 minute walk from Accrington Train Station/  
Accrington Town Centre.

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## VISITORS GUIDE



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is a small park, a 12 minute walk from Accrington town centre off Hyndburn Road near to the Asda. It is a nice place for a picnic on a fine day, picnic tables are available!



Spring at Gatty.



## KEY

1. Elmfield Hall
2. Car Park
3. Disabled Patrons' Car Park
4. War Memorial
5. Children's Playground
6. Crown Green Bowling
7. Alpine rockery
8. Naturalising woodland area
9. Herbaceous borders
10. Mixed Borders
11. Prospects community food growing



The park has been host to a number of community events in recent times, it is even possible to arrange an event of your own. Contact the parks staff on 388111 if you require any further information.



One of the horticultural features within the park is an alpine rockery which can be found next to the bowling green.



A large playground accessible from both Hyndburn Road and from within the park catering for 4 - 12 years of age and equipped with a variety of play equipment.