

Frankby Cemetery and Royden Park Wirral Parks, Coast and Countryside

Frankby Cemetery

Frankby Hall and 61 acres were bought at auction by Wallasey Corporation in 1933 and quickly converted into the two chapels to save the Wallasey Cemetery. One chapel was for Nonconformist and Church of England services and the other was designated as a Roman Catholic Chapel. The surrounding Land was converted to the Wallasey Municipal Cemetery at the cost of £10,000. The cemetery was completed in 1940.



Frankby Hall 2018

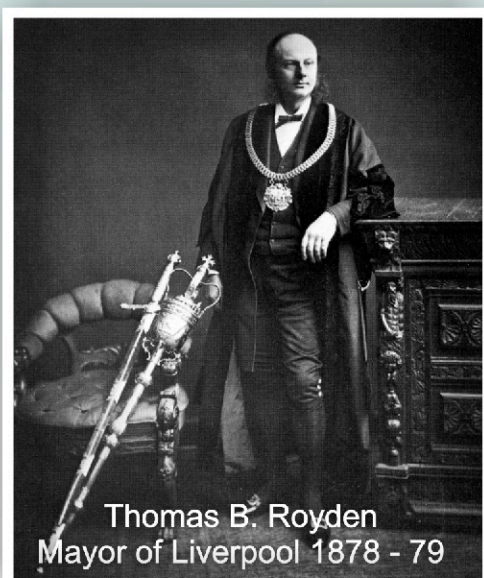
The Royden's of Frankby Hall

Frankby Hall, home of Baronet, Sir Thomas Bland Royden, was erected in 1847. A unique sandstone structure with castellated turrets housed Thomas, his wife and six children (although sadly two died in infancy). Sir Thomas, founded a shipbuilder's yard in 1818 and later he and his sons Thomas and Joseph went into partnership in Royden and Sons Ship Yard building. As ship building evolved from wood to iron Sir Thomas retired and left the business to his sons. The business ran into decline and in 1893 Royden's launched its last ship, the 2847 ton Prince Robert. This was the yards 262nd vessel.



Thomas entered politics becoming Tory MP for Toxteth in 1873, Justice of the Peace in 1874 and Lord Mayor of Liverpool in 1878-79. In 1905 he was raised to Baronet like his father. His eldest son Thomas

headed the Cunard Line as its chairman. His daughter Agnes Maude Royden, his third child, was a very interesting lady, becoming a lecturer in English Literature in the growing University Extension Movement. She was elected onto the committee of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies and edited the Union's Newspaper, 'The Common Cause'. A lifelong pacifist she was Vice President of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom in 1915. She founded the society of Ministry of Women in 1929 after a successful campaign for the Ordination of Women and was the first woman to preach at the Anglican Cathedral.



Thomas B. Royden
Mayor of Liverpool 1878 - 79

For more information goto:

<http://www.roydenhistory.co.uk/roydenfhp/frankby/roydensoffrankby/roydensoffrankby.htm>

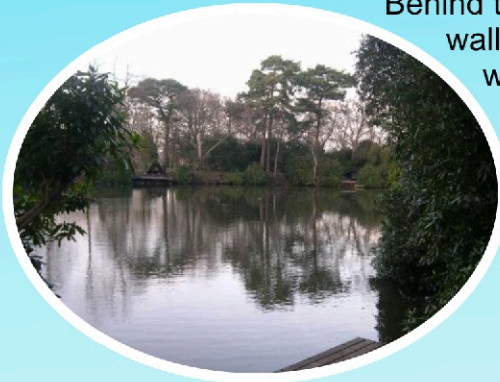
Royden Park

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Royden Park is a 36.99 hectare site and was originally farm and heath-land before its purchase by Brian John Robin in the 1820's. In 1860 Septimus Ledward JP built the original Hillbark House a sandstone building which was later demolished to make way for the building of the same name that stands there to this day. The coach house was created to house carriages and horses of visitors to the House and boasts a small clock tower.

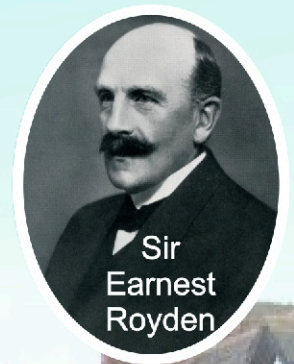


Behind the Coach house is a 2 acre walled garden, the walls of which were initially surrounded by glass houses and grew fresh produce for Hillbark House. Royden has been home to a miniature railway for many years. Run by volunteers this pleasant raised rail railway is still immensely popular with children and the forever young.



Hillbark and Sir Earnest Royden

Sir Earnest Royden moved from his home at Bidston Court gardens in 1928, he was a man who knew what he wanted and tried to find the perfect house. However, he did not find one so he took his house with him.... Brick by brick, beam by beam and rebuilt the whole thing in Royden Park. The house had originally been built for R.W.Hudson a local soap manufacturer in 1891.



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