

Troopers Hill Area - Timeline



Friends of
Troopers Hill

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| 2007 | New Management Plan adopted. Troopers Hill LNR awarded a Green Flag for the first time. |
| 2006 | End of Wildspace! Project, launch of Nature in the City led by Sally Oldfield. |
| 2005 | Centenary of Air Balloon School |
| 2004 | Management and Action Plan launched, Awards for All Lottery Grant awarded |
| 2003 | Formation of Friends of Troopers Hill |
| 2002 | LNRO appointed funded by Wildspace! through English Nature and the Lottery |
| 2000 | |
| 1995 | Troopers Hill Designated as Local Nature Reserve 22nd June |
| 1994 | Start of photographic monitoring |
| 1991 | Resurfacing of paths, erection of perimeter fence |
| 1990 | |
| 1987 | Crews Hole Methodist Church closed |
| 1982 | Tar Works site cleared |
| 1981 | Tar Works closed |
| 1980 | |
| 1976 | St George Church demolished |
| 1974 | Sublimed naphthaline plant closed as explosion risk after Flixborough |
| 1970 | 1 April Ownership of Bristol & West Tar Distillers passed to British Steel |
| 1968 | Flood to 6 inches below 1894/1960 level 10 July |
| 1962 | Southwestern Gas Board become sole owner of Bristol & West Tar Distillers |
| 1960 | Flood to 1894 record level 5 Dec |
| 1956 | 14th Sept Freehold of Troopers Hill purchased by Bristol City Council for £600 |
| 1952 | Formation of Bristol & West Tar Distillers - Southwestern Gas Board own 25% |
| 1950 | |
| 1948 | 3rd April Troopers Hill sold by J W Ballard to Frank Viner for £600 |
| 1940 | |
| 1936 | 21st April Joseph John Ballard (owner of Troopers Hill) dies |
| 1932 | 24th March Allotments including Troopers Hill Field purchased by BCC for £3,165 |
| 1930 | |
| 1924 | 5th Sept Troopers Hill sold by B E Somers to Joseph John Ballard for £515 |
| 1924 | Stone & Timsons Muriate of Ammonia Works closed - incorporated into Tar Works |
| 1920 | 30th Sept Freehold of Troopers Hill offered for sale by auction (20 acres or thereabouts) |
| 1910 | |
| 1908 | Troopers Hill Fireclay mine closed |
| 1905 | Little St Aidan's and adjoining school closed - bought by the Tar Works |
| 1904 | Conham Chemical Works closed - incorporated into Tar Works |
| | Bull Inn rebuilt in new location |
| 1900 | William Butler dies 6 October |
| 1897 | St George becomes part of the City and County of Bristol |
| 1896 | Troopers Hill Fireclay mine employs 9 underground workers |
| 1894 | River flood 15 Nov |
| 1890 | |
| 1889 | William Butler retires |
| 1886 | Troopers Hill leased to Bristol Fireclay Co by Elizabeth Somers |

1880 1880 OS map uses name of Troopers Hill, this name was authorised by 3 local residents
1878 First record of Troopers Hill Fireclay mine. 22 Dec Fire destroys St George Church

1873 St George Local Board formed

1870

1863 Tar Works Fire - Works sold to William Butler

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1853 Crews Hole Methodist Church built

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1845 'Troopers Hill' shown on Tithe Map Troopers Hill coal mine closed by this date
1843 Crews Hole Tar Works established by IKB with local financiers and William Butler as mgr
1841 GWR opened from Bristol to Paddington
1840 1840 Lander's Electoral Map shows 'Truebody's Hill' GWR opened from Bristol to Bath
1838 Patent for preserving timber with creosote by John Bethell
1835 Construction of the Great Western Railway starts
1833 Scenes in our Parish by a Country Parson's Daughter (Elizabeth Emra) published in NY
1831 Bristol Riots 31st October

1830 1830 First recorded use of name 'Troopers Hill' on the first OS map
1828 Brass Company sells Crews Hole abandoned site for £1,880
1826 Drawing commissioned by GW Braikenridge shows Troopers Hill Chimney

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1819 Crews Hole Pottery closes

1813 'Truebody's Hill' offered for sale.
1812 Anthony Ammat builds Crews Hole Pottery (it was beside the river opposite Lamb Hill)

1810 1810 Kennet and Avon canal completed linking Bristol to the Thames
1809 } Revd John Emra becomes vicar of St George (to 1842)
} Construction of Floating Harbour and Feeder Canal
1804 } Troopers Hill colliery established at about this time?

1800 1800 Sale of glassworks (the glassworks was near the bottom of Strawberry Hill)

Troopers Hill Chimney built?

1790

1784 St George civil parish formed
Crews Hole and Conham Copper Works leased by Elton and Tyndall?

1780 1780 Copper Smelting moved to Warmley and Crews Hole site leased to various businesses

1777 William King, glassmaker dies
1774 William Reeve bankrupt, Arnos Vale and Black Castle sold

1770

1766 Crews Hole bottle glasshouse advertised for sale occupied by William King & Co

Black Castle built using copper slag blocks from Crews Hole by William Reeve

1760

1758 25 March Sir Abraham Elton sells 'Harris's Hill alias Truebody's Hill' to Brass Company
1754 49 copper smelting furnaces reported at Crews Hole
1752 3 March St George Church foundation stone laid
1751 Ecclesiastical parish of St George created

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Manufacture of copper slag blocks started to dispose of this waste material

1742 49 Copper Furnaces

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1738 George Whitefield and John Wesley preach at Hanham Mount

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1728 River Avon Navigation opened from Bristol to Bath
1725 Crews Hole producing 150T copper/year from 24 furnaces employing 33 men

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1712 Crews Hole Copper Works established by Bristol Brass & Wire Company

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1704 'Harris's Hill alias Truebody's Hill' purchased by Abraham Elton from Lancelot Dobson
1702 Baptist Mills Brass Works established (now under M32 J2)

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1698 Copper works established at Conham owned by Abraham Elton

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1682 20th Aug Br Edward Terrill ordered banks like a gallery to be cut above Crews Hole

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1645 Civil War - Prince Rupert forced to surrender Bristol to Parliament, 10 September
1643 Civil War - Royalist's Capture of Bristol, 26 July

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1610 Map of Kingswood showing Harris Hill

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