

Parliament Buildings Stormont Estate



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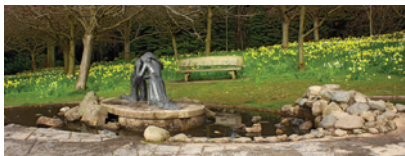
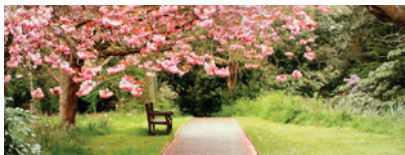




The Stormont Estate is a finely landscaped public park. With Parliament Buildings at its centre it is one of the most outstanding architectural sights in Ireland.

Within the grounds there is a children's park and picnic tables are dotted throughout the parkland. The Estate is popular with the public and it is very common to see dog walkers, joggers and families making the most of the stunning surroundings.

The Estate has over 400 acres. Sir Arnold Thornely, the architect of Parliament Buildings, and WJ Bean, a former curator of London's Kew Gardens, designed the Estate. Sir Arnold considered the parkland surrounding Parliament Buildings to be an important part of the overall design.



The striking avenue leading from the Newtownards Road past Lord Carson's Statue to the foot of the 60 steps of Parliament Buildings is sometimes known as the 'Royal Mile'. It is widely accepted as one of the finest avenues in these islands. It is officially called the Prince of Wales Avenue, in honour of the Prince of Wales who formally opened Parliament Buildings on 16 November 1932.

The avenue is lined with 305 red-twigged lime trees. These have survived since they were planted in the 1920s.

Stormont Estate is also home to a number of government departments.

Why not visit?

You can arrange a tour of Parliament Buildings by contacting the Events Office on +44 (028) 9052 1802/1975 or e-mailing eventsoffice@niassembly.gov.uk. Tours last 30–45 minutes and provide information on Parliament Buildings, past and present. You will find out how political life in Northern Ireland has developed, and about the architecture of the building and Stormont Estate.



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