



### ...AND NOW

- The Great Lines Heritage Park is Medway's most prominent green space – with plenty of open space for all to enjoy – whether playing football, walking the dog or enjoying the wildlife and spectacular views
- accessible footpaths connect Gillingham, Chatham and Brompton
- feature lighting of Fort Amherst and the Chatham Naval Memorial can be seen across the night-time skyline
- a footbridge provides access to the Fort's parklands and café – open all year round.



### FRIENDS OF GREAT LINES HERITAGE PARK

We are an independent community group. We aim to preserve and promote the Great Lines Heritage Park as a valued and protected open space for the enjoyment and well-being of local residents and visitors. We work widely and inclusively with others.

### GET INVOLVED AND HELP KEEP THE PARK SPECIAL

- come to our open meetings or join in our regular activities
- take litter home, or use the bins
- clean up after your dog.

Email: [contact@foglhp.org.uk](mailto:contact@foglhp.org.uk)

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Visit our Facebook page

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## A GREAT OPEN SPACE WITH A UNIQUE HISTORY



# WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT GREAT LINES HERITAGE PARK?

THEN...

The park is a unique historic landscape:

- fortifications, including a line of massive ditches (shown in dark green on our map), were built to defend Chatham's naval dockyard from a land-based attack
- land (known as the 'Field of Fire') was cleared to remove cover for an approaching enemy
- soldiers used the open space to practise their battlefield skills
- the Chatham Naval Memorial honours those from both World Wars who have 'no other grave than the sea'.

