



Saturday 23 January 2021
Cross Park, 14 Laurel Pl, Glasgow G11 7RH

Today the winter sun was shining but it was a bitterly cold morning, there was a covering of frost on the ground. For my daily walk I decided to go for a wander round Cross Park Thornwood, which is in close proximity to where I live. This is a lovely gem of a park, hidden away in Glasgow's west end.

On arrival at the park, I could clearly hear the chirping of the birds and cooing of the wood pigeons. The birds were flying from one branch of a tree to another and happily foraging on the grassy areas for grubs, worms, and insects. I managed to spot a robin sitting in a bush, he appeared to be quite tame and seemed content to allow me to take a few photos of him on my mobile phone.

There was definitely signs of Spring in the air, the plants shrubs and trees all have new growth. I noticed clusters of crocus and daffodil plants emerging through the icy ground. The slim green blades and stalks are now visible. It want be to long now before the new shoots start flowering and bring some bright colours to this lovely park. Also, I noted that the buds are beginning to grow on the branches of the trees, just getting ready for the leaves to burst out in the coming days and weeks ahead.

For me Cross Park is a great place to take a relaxing walk, whilst avoiding the crowds that can be found in some of the cities larger parks. I usually do several rounds of the walking paths, while observing the people and changes in nature cycle. My walk is finished when I reach my daily target of 11,000 steps. Only when that's done is it time for me to head down the hill home.

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