

History Timeline of Egerton Park, Bexhill-on-Sea

- 1883 John Webb given land west of Sea Road to develop, called the Egerton Park Estate. It is not known if it was Earl De La Warr or John Webb who named the land. The Egerton family are related to the De La Warrs through marriage.
- 1884-1896 Roads and drains on Egerton Park laid out by John Webb.
- 1888-1892 Egerton Park formed from a low lying lagoon/salt marsh area which was liable to flood.
- 1891 The first swimming competition was held at the Egerton Park Baths.
- 1892 Boating lake, cricket ground, upgraded swimming bath, tennis lawns, water for fishing, cycle track and concert pavilion in operation at Egerton Park.
- 1896-1901 Houses in Egerton Road and Park Road built.
- 1898 Bexhill Cycling Club and Hare and Hounds Athletic Club hold Cycling Tournament in Egerton Park.
- 1902 Egerton Park bought by Bexhill Corporation.
- 1902 Plans for Egerton Park Shelter Hall submitted (now the Museum)
- 1903 Egerton Park Shelter Hall built. This served as a concert hall and provided public toilets.
- 1905 Concert Party stage built at east end of Egerton Park.
- 1905-6 Egerton Park extended west by landfill to the current boundary with Brockley Road.
- 1906 Park extension opened by Lord Mayor of London Sir Walter Vaughan Morgan and Sheriffs of London with the State Coach on 21st July.
Egerton Park Pergola opened on the new land and leased to James Glover.
- 1906 Tram service started, the track passes down Egerton Road and along Brockley Road.
- 1907 Public bowling green laid out in Park and formation of Bexhill -on-Sea Bowling Club. Bowling Indoor bowling rink installed in Egerton Park Shelter Hall.
- 1912 13 acres of the Polegrove purchased by Corporation from John Webb.
- 1914 Egerton Park Shelter Hall becomes Bexhill Museum.
- 1915-1918 Museum commandeered by military as Officer's Mess.
- 1919 Museum re-established in Shelter Hall.
- 1920 Peace Day service in Park Pergola and celebrations in the Park.
- 1923 Polegrove opened as a recreation ground.
- 1924 Museum extended south.
- 1933 Egerton Park Pergola enclosed to form the Egerton Park Theatre, it was also used for indoor bowling. Opened by the Minister for Agriculture Major Elliot, Bexhill's Mayor was then the 9th Earl De La Warr who was the Minister's Parliamentary Secretary. Egerton Park Indoor Bowls Club formed.
- 1933 Proposals to build an aquarium under Museum, this was never built.
- 1937 Swimming pool rebuilt with diving boards and water purification plant.
- 1945 Victory Thanksgiving service held around the bandstand in the Park.
- 1951 Scented garden for the blind created in the Park.
- 1960 Swimming Pool extended, new cubicles, sun terrace, kitchen & cafe.
- 1963 New staircase built to park cafe.
- 1980 Disabled toilets installed.
- 1986 Demolition of Swimming Pool.
- 1989 Park cafe becomes Museum Service office.
- 2004 Construction of Sure Start childcare centre.
- 2006 Planned redevelopment of Bexhill Museum.