

There are many houses that look like this in Letchworth Garden City and they are called Rushby Mead houses.



Can you find this special house? What colours is it painted? What do you notice about the shape of the hedge?



Howard Park Paddling Pool and Fountain

Marker 2

How are the houses different from each other?

How many different houses can you see along the road?



There are many different houses in Letchworth Garden City, old and new.



Old Howard Cottages

Marker 1

Are you ready to take on the Howard Park Heritage Hunt?

Your challenge is to find the 15 bronze markers in Howard Park and Gardens. The markers are hidden on the paths in the park.

Use the map inside to help you!

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL



# HOWARD PARK Heritage Hunt



Hiding in a tree...

can you spot me?!

## Howard Park and Gardens

Howard Park and Gardens is a vital green space in the heart of the Letchworth Garden City surrounded by mature trees and with formal gardens around the bowls area. It also has quiet areas for reading or relaxation. This was part of the vision of Ebenezer Howard more than 100 years ago. The Park has recently reopened following a £2.7 million refurbishment.

### Location

Norton Way South, Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1NY

### Access

- Letchworth Railway Station and bus stop nearby
- 10 minute walk from town centre
- Hillshott car park

For other enquiries please contact North Hertfordshire District Council on 01462 474000.

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For more activity ideas to do in the park [www.north-herts.gov.uk/howard\\_park\\_and\\_gardens](http://www.north-herts.gov.uk/howard_park_and_gardens)

For more information about Groundwork Hertfordshire [www.groundwork.org.uk/hertfordshire](http://www.groundwork.org.uk/hertfordshire)

For more information about the Letchworth Heritage Museum [www.letchworth.com/heritage-foundation](http://www.letchworth.com/heritage-foundation)



A fun packed adventure for children aged up to 8

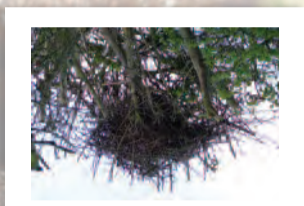
Can you find the special oak tree?



Belgian Refugees

Marker 6

A squirrel drey live here?



Look around you, why would this be a good place for a squirrel to live?



the UK.

Letchworth Garden City is famous for the Black Squirrel which is rare in the rest of

Black Squirrel

Marker 5



Marker 7

Mrs. Howard Memorial Hall



This was the first public building built in Letchworth Garden City. It provided a place for people to meet.

Look around the building, how many triangles can you see?

Can you find the sign over the old entrance?

Why is it called Mrs Howard Memorial Hall?

Marker 8

Special hedgerows and trees

Hedgerows are important for wildlife as they provide food and shelter for many animals.



How do hedgerows change during the year?

How many hedgerows can you see?

What can you see to help you cross the road safely?

How many shops can you see?

Can you hear a train?



This railway links Letchworth Garden City to London.

Railway Bridge

Marker 4

Can you estimate how many children could sit on the benches?



When was Letchworth Garden City built?



It was Ebenezer Howard's idea to make Letchworth's first Garden City in the world.

Ebenezer Howard

Marker 3



Oak leaf



In 1914, people from Belgium stayed in Letchworth Garden City during the First World War.







## Marker 9 Special flower borders

Flowers are important because they attract bees which help pollinate other plants.



Can you spot a robin?



Can you see any honey bees?



Sit on the bench and count the things you can see, hear and smell.

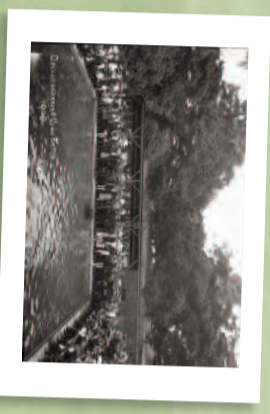


STATION ROAD  
Town Centre  
Railway Station



## Marker 12 Letchworth Garden City's first swimming pool built in 1908.

The water for the swimming pool came from Pix Brook. The swimming pool has been replaced with grass and trees.



Look at the top of the trees, what can you see?



## Marker 10 Wetland habitats

Pix Brook provides an important home for many animals and plants.



What can you see that grows near the stream?

**Be careful not to go too close to the stream!**



What do you notice about the roof of the Letchworth Heritage Museum?

Thatched roofs are made from dried grass called straw. Have you seen anymore of these in Letchworth Garden City?



## Marker 13 Flowers in the park

Many crocus bulbs have been planted in the park to attract wildlife.



Can you find this tree and describe it?



What can you smell?



## Marker 11 Sappho the Greek poet

Sappho was born in Ancient Greece and became famous for writing love poems.



What is Sappho holding?

Can you see any butterflies?

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## Marker 15 Howard Garden Social Centre and Bowling Club

Look out for ladybirds!



Can you see where Pix Brook flows under the path?



Many people spend their free time in the park.



What activities do you enjoy doing in the park?



Stand still on the bridge and listen for 1 minute - how many different sounds can you hear? Use your fingers to keep count.



Acorns