

Marker 5 Black Squirrel
Letchworth Garden City is famous for the Black Squirrel as this was the first place it lived in Britain. The black squirrel is rare in the rest of the UK and is most common in North America. Black squirrels can survive in colder environments and their dark fur helps them camouflage in dense forests.

Marker 4 Railway Bridge
This railway links Letchworth Garden City to London. The bridge is regarded as a special monument from the industrial era. It is made of brick and iron and was built in 1913 by the Great Northern Railway and The First Garden City Ltd.

Marker 3 Ebenezer Howard
It was Ebenezer Howard's idea to make Letchworth the first Garden City in the world. He wanted to combine the benefits of both living in a city and living in the country.

Marker 2 Howard Park
The paddling pool has always been popular with families since it was built. Today the shape of the paddling pool is the same but the fountain no longer exists.

Marker 1 Old Howard Cottages
There are many different houses in Letchworth Garden City, old and new. Rushby Mead houses, which are painted cream and green, were designed especially for the workmen living in Letchworth Garden City. They are now Grade 2 listed buildings, which means they are protected.

Marker 10 Wetland habitats
Pix Brook provides an important home for many animals and plants. The brook runs along the eastern edge of Howard Gardens providing a valuable wildlife corridor.

Marker 9 Special flower borders
Flowers are important because they attract bees which help pollinate other plants.

Marker 8 Special hedgerows and trees
Hedgerows are important for wildlife as they provide food and shelter for many animals. Each road in Letchworth Garden City is planted with specific trees. The trees on Norton Way South, the road which runs along the western edge of the park, is planted with Lime trees.

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 either to debate or listen to music. The hall is still used for community and recreation events today.

Marker 6 Belgian Refugees
Following the invasion of Belgium in August 1914, thousands of Belgians fled to England with local residents from Letchworth Garden City offering to house them and help out financially. An estate, nicknamed 'Little Belgium', was built towards the end of 1915 around Campers Avenue and Spring Road to help provide homes for the refugees.

Marker 15 Howard Garden Social Centre and Bowling Club
The Social Centre and the Bowling Club have been providing a meeting place for many members of the local community since 1953.

Marker 14 Pix Brook bridge
Pix Brook is an excellent wildlife corridor as it provides shelter and food for many plants and animals.

Marker 13 Flowers in the park
Many crocus bulbs have been planted in the park to attract wildlife. Between 1900 and 1910, there were 169 species of wildflower growing in Howard Park and Gardens. Many wildflower species can be still be found in the park today.

Marker 12 Letchworth's first swimming pool
There was a swimming pool here between 1908 and 1935. It was fed by water from Pix Brook. After 1935 the swimming pool at Norton Common was used instead.

Marker 11 Sappho the Greek poet
Sappho was born in Ancient Greece and became famous for writing love poems. This is a replica bronze statue as the original Sappho statue was stolen from the park in 1998.

Have a look at the information board for Sappho and the swimming pool.



HOWARD PARK Heritage Hunt

Your challenge is to find 15 bronze markers in Howard Park and Gardens. You will need a compass to follow the trail. At each marker there will be a challenge to complete.

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

START at Marker 1 which is at the top of the steps leading down to the paddling area, near the picnic tables in Howard Park.

Stand on Marker 1 and face NORTH, turn 360 degrees on the spot – what can you see?

- How many different houses can you see along the road?
- How are the houses different from each other?
- How many people can you see in the park?
- How many different activities can you do in the park?
- What other questions could you ask about what you can see?

Now use the map inside to begin your hunt!

Howard Park and Gardens

Howard Park and Gardens is a vital green space in the heart of 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

For more information about Groundwork Hertfordshire
www.groundwork.org.uk/hertfordshire

For more information about the Letchworth Heritage Museum
www.lethworth.com/heritage-foundation

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Don't forget your compass!

Are you up to the challenge?

A fun packed adventure for children over 8





clue 1

Facing North, walk around the western edge of the paddling pool area to the northern most point of the park.

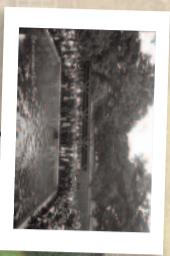
Find Marker 4



- 1 Look around can you see a railway bridge?

Find the Howard Park and Gardens welcome sign.

- 2 Find the photo of the old paddling pool. How is this different to today's paddling pool?
- 3 Why do you think they have reduced the amount of water in the paddling pool?



- 1 Can you see any signs of squirrel life?
- 2 What nocturnal animals might also live here?

clue 2

Face South and take the path on the left which runs along the eastern edge of the park. If you have passed the Ebenezer Howard Memorial on your right you have gone too far!

Find Marker 5



- 1 Can you see the leaf outlines on the bottom of the paddling pool?
- 2 How many different types of leaf can you find?
- 3 Do you know which type of tree they come from?
- 4 Find a leaf and match it to the correct outline.



clue 3

Face South and walk along the path. Walk past two benches on the left.

Find Marker 2

clue 4

Face North and take the left path. Walk in a North West direction along the edge of the paddling pool until you find the memorial to Ebenezer Howard.

Find Marker 3

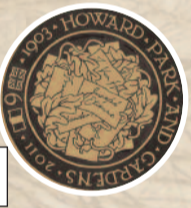


- 1 When was Letchworth Garden City built?
- 2 How old is Letchworth Garden City?
- 3 Can you estimate how many children can sit on the benches?

clue 5

Go back to Marker 1. Continue walking along the path in a South West direction. The next marker is before the path joins the road. Do not exit the park!

Find Marker 6



- 1 Which year did the Belgian refugees come to stay in Letchworth Garden City?
- 2 What is a refugee?
- 3 Which war is known as the Great War?

clue 6

Continue following the path so that you are walking South. Be careful of the cars on the road. Take the first path on your left.

Find Marker 7



- 1 Find three different dates on the building to work out which parts are old and new.
- 2 Look around the building, how many different 2D and 3D shapes can you see?



Meet your adults in front of Mrs Howard Memorial Hall at this sign.



Ask your adult to help you cross the road safely into Howard Gardens.

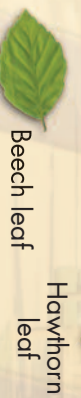
clue 7

Face South and take the first path on the right. Walk past the Bowling Club and the Howard Garden Social Centre. Do not exit the park!

Find Marker 8



- 1 How many hedgerows can you see?
- 2 How do hedgerows change during the year?
- 3 What animals use hedgerows for food or shelter?
- 4 What type of hedge can you see?



Beech leaf

clue 8

Face South and continue walking along the path. You will see a bench on your right.

Find Marker 9



- 1 Sit on the bench and describe the things you can see, hear and smell.

clue 9

Face North and take the first path on the right. Walk past the bowling green on your right. Then turn South and continue walking along the path. If you walk past the bridge you have gone too far!

Find Marker 15



- 1 Have a look around, what can you see that helps to protect nature?
- 2 How is this hedge different to the beech hedge?



clue 10

Face South, the path forks in front of you, take the path on the right. The path forks again, take the path on the right.

Find Marker 10



- 1 What can you see what grows near the stream?



Be careful not to go too close to the stream!

- 2 What do you notice about the roof of the Letchworth Heritage Museum?
- 3 Thatched roofs are made from dried grass called straw. Have you seen anymore of these in Letchworth Garden City?



clue 11

Face South East and follow the path until you get to the statue of Sappho.

Find Marker 11



- 1 What do you think Sappho is saying or thinking?



clue 12

Face East and walk towards the Pix Brook bridge.

Find Marker 14



- 1 Stand still on the bridge and listen for 1 minute – how many different sounds can you hear? Use your fingers to keep count.
- 2 Did you hear the same things as your friends?

clue 13

Go back to Marker 11. Face South and walk forward.

Find Marker 12



- 1 How many different trees can you see? Look at the different shapes, sizes and colours.
- 2 Can you estimate how tall the trees are?

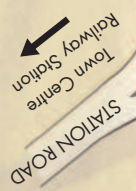
clue 14

Face South and continue walking to the most southerly point of the park.

Find Marker 13



- 1 Look across the road, what is the name of the cream and black house?
- 2 What style of house is this pretending to be?



Congratulations You have found all 15 markers!

