

Chadwell Way Sculpture Trail

A unique five mile sculpture trail touring ancient towns, beautiful countryside and heritage sites in East Herts.

Discover 31 small bronze sculptures made by a class of 7 and 8 year old children from St John the Baptist Primary School in Great Amwell.

Located close to rivers and waterways, each sculpture has been designed in response to the natural habitat or local history, and informed by the materials and methods used by Henry Moore, who lived and worked in nearby Perry Green.

Chadwell Way Sculpture Trail, a great day out for all the family. It can even be explored as shorter walks around Great Amwell, Ware, Hertford and across the open wetlands of King's Meads.

Points of interest include the New River, Emma's Well, Scott's Grotto, historic churches, Ware Priory, Hertford Castle, Folly Island, Ware Museum and Hertford Museum.

Trail Information

Traffic: From London Liverpool Street take the train for Hertford East and get off at St Margarets to head for the start of the trail. Return from Hertford East.

Stops: The 311 Hertford to Watlington Cross and 325 Hertford to Harlow runs between either end of the trail. Nearest bus stop to the start of the trail is at New Pagnons and at the end Hertford Bus Station.

Car parking: Opposite the George V at the start of the trail. Return via public transport if walking the whole trail.

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Contemporary bronzes in Hertford, Ware, Kings Mead's & Great Amwell by children



1 Cherry by Rhianon



2 Bear Bottle Boy by Billy



3 Owl by Gemma



4&5 Mermaids & Mermaid II by Jessica & Grace



6 The Castle by Willem



7 Human Duck by Ellen



8 The Person Who Had a Shed on its Body by Alex H.



9 Giraffe with Mario Head by Alex K.



10 Murphy and his Dog by James



11 Unicorn by Isobel



12 Bat by Calm



13 Foman by Ethan



14 The Fisherman by Tom



15 Dolphin by Jeremia



16 Last Men by Daniel



17 Bird by Paige



18 Cat by Melissa



19 Norse Invaders by Adam



20 Broken Goose by Charlie B.



21 Netherose and Rider by Isobel



22 Mr Minibody by Oliver



23 Crab Claw Clip by Brian



24 Sinking Feeling by Calum



25 Rabbit by Georgina



26 Magical Tree by Tommy



27 Girl by Alecks



28 Duck by Eddie



29 Compah Loompan by Samuel



30 Beaky by Maddie



31 Hand by Charlie C.

GREAT AMWELL

Start at the crossroads on Cautherley Lane (1), walk down the hill towards the George IV (2) and go right into St John the Baptist churchyard (3). Now return and take the steps just behind the George IV which lead to the New River memorial island (4 & 5), then turn right into Amwell Lane. Opposite the wooden footbridge is Emma's Well (6). Turn back on yourself, go over the Cautherley Lane bridge again and onto the New River path towards Ware (7 & 8). Opposite the John Giffin on London Road the New River runs under the road (10). Continue to follow the New River along Hertford Road to reach Hertford Regional College.



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KING'S MEADS

From Hertford Regional College either go left along the main road and left up Scott's Road to reach Scott's Grotto* (20). Access the river bank by continuing along Hertford Road and take an access road to rejoin the New River. Alternatively go through a kissing gate by the level crossing and follow the New River. Continue past the Memorial (21) and cross over the railway line. Keep along New River near the A10 flyover (22). Rejoin the River Lea at the New Gauge (19). Turn left along the River Lea towpath and continue until you see the tip of Lees Island (23). Keep ahead and at Hertford Lock turn right and take the footpath between the playing fields to reach a bridge over the River Beane (24). Cross and turn left on a path up to pass through St Leonard's Church grounds (25). Take the path on the other side down through The Warren woodland (26) to reach Hartham Common (27).

HERTFORD

Cross Hartham Common towards Folly Island and follow Thornton Street. Turn right, go past the Old Barge onto the bridge over the River Beane (28). Continue over the bridge to Bull Plain to Hertford Museum (29). Continue up Bull Plain, turn right onto Maidenhead Street then left onto the Wash. From here enter the grounds of Hertford Castle (30 & 31).



WARE

Cross over the level crossing and keep ahead to the bridge over the River Lea. Turn left along the towpath to reach a footbridge. Cross and head left through the car park into the Priory gardens (11, 12, 13, 14 & 15). Head out by the driveway. Ware Museum is on your left (16). Cross the High Street and take the parallel back street to Tutor Square (17 & 18). Retrace your steps back to the footbridge over the River Lea. Turn right towards Hertford. Continue until you reach the New Gauge building (19). To continue towards Hertford see (19) in the King's Meads walk.



*Please check opening times of Scott's Grotto at www.scotts-grotto.org
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