

OLD AMERSHAM

1 PONDWICKS MEADOW & NATURE AREA

Walk to Pondwicks and you will discover the largest bug hotel in southern England, along with a small bug hotel shaped like a snail.

Adding a bug hotel to your garden makes for a fun and creative way to encourage biodiversity. They provide nesting sites and shelter for native and migratory insects, including a variety of solitary bees. These tiny creatures are crucial—most plants depend on pollinators—so it is important to protect vulnerable pollinators and attract beneficial insects.

To Amersham-on-the-Hill

KEY

- + Defibrillator (Barn Meadow Pavilion)
- 🎨 Art and murals
- ... Trail

5 RED KITES

Six metal 'life-size' red kite sculptures were installed on the Stanley Hill/London Road East roundabout in 2019. The display was commissioned by the James Phillips Foundation and designed by artist and blacksmith Nicola Packham.

CHILDREN'S ART TRAIL

A map of Amersham's floral displays, street art and sculptures.

Amersham in bloom

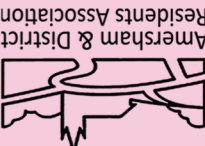
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The Children's Art Trail brings art to the landscape by showcasing various features throughout the town, including willow, wooden and metal sculptures, painted murals, and our flagship horticultural displays.

4 THE ENGLISH ROSE DISPLAY

Created to honour England's national flower, this striking 3-metre-tall installation features seven towering roses crafted from aluminium and brass.

3 MEMORIAL GARDENS

The award-winning, formally designed Memorial Gardens (Amersham Garden of Remembrance) feature a WWI war memorial and WWII plaque, Peace Garden, sensory garden, WWI replica models, 'lone' soldier, Centenary Bed, Coronation Clock, and the Queen's 90th Birthday Rose Garden.

As you explore, look out for unique touches including willow boxing hares, a bug hotel, green roof, and miniature wooden models within the Peace Garden.

2 SCULPTURES

Unique metal and wooden sculptures line the River Misbourne.



This map is printed on recycled paper.

AMERSHAM-ON-THE-HILL

2 'KALEIDOSCOPE' OF BUTTERFLIES

The 'kaleidoscope' of butterflies features three native butterfly species (Gatekeeper, Peacock and Marbled White), pupae and stinging nettles—all made from Corten, steel and brass—plus a stained-glass Peacock butterfly.

The butterflies have been underplanted with plants such as buddleia and hydrangea. The display was created in partnership with the 1st Chesham Bois Scout Group.

The nearby '365 Days of Bees' bed provides a year round supply of food for bees.

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- Art and murals
- Horticultural display trail
- Art trail

1 TINY URBAN FOREST

The tiny urban forest was been planted with a mixture of standard and multi-stemmed Himalayan Birch 'Snow Queen', renowned for its stark white bark.

The trees were underplanted with Cornus 'Midwinter Fire'. These plants create a towering inferno of lava-hued stems all winter, adding a burst of 'fire' against the white backdrop of the trees. Snowdrops, summer snowflakes and narcissus have also been planted to add a splash of spring colour.

The forest also includes two sculptures, including a fox crafted from recycled copper water tanks, and a tawny owl carved from a felled tree.

3 POLLINATOR GARDEN AT AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

4 WW1 CENTENARY BED

The bed comprises two commemorative benches. A stag, made from square bar, graces the verge.

5 THE PLATINUM JUBILEE POLLINATOR BED

The bed features 19 hand crafted metal bees swarming over a bed of nectar-rich perennials. This innovative display highlights the importance of pollinators and ways to help them.

The bed also features a 'bug castle', a replica of the Round Tower—the central keep at Windsor Castle—and a stag beetle hotel.

6 SIGNATURE FLOWERBEDS

7 MET 1 STEAM TRAIN DISPLAY

The Metropolitan Railway was the world's first underground railway station when it opened in 1863, reaching Amersham in 1892. The arrival of the railway catalysed monumental growth for Amersham.

To recognise and honour the legacy of the railway on the development of Amersham-on-the-Hill, the Town Council—in partnership with the Leaders of the 1st Chesham Bois Scout Group—created a half-scale replica Metropolitan No.1 locomotive, which was a mainstay of the service from London to Aylesbury for twenty years. The display also has its very own train guard made from willow.

8 INTERGENERATIONAL MURAL

In 2021, volunteers interviewed Amersham residents aged 70–96, capturing their memories for a book celebrating Amersham Museum's 30th anniversary. Inspired by these stories, students from Buckinghamshire College designed and painted a 12-panel mural depicting key moments and features from the town's history.

A 'bio-strip' and restored 'K6' red telephone box are also part of the display.

