

# Lexden Trail



## Clues for your next stop

- 1: Start at The Lexden Crown Pub CO3 4DA
- 2: Rolling hills, and large tall trees, if it ever snows then it's here I will be.
- 3: Jack and Jill fell down it, you will go up it, but what will you find at the top?
- 4: Along the road it will stand out, now planted up, what's it all about?
- 5: A nice place to sit with trees planted, just before you get to the town centre.
- 6: You will find the final point of this trail at the base of one of the tallest structures in town, which could also be the name of an elephant.

## WIN a How to get Kids Gardening Book by Lee Connelly, The Skinny Jean Gardener.

It's super easy! Take a selfie at the finishing point of the trail and post it on Instagram! Make sure to tag [@skinnyjeangardener](#) and [@incolchester](#) with the hashtag [#ColchesterGardenFestival](#).

A winner will be randomly selected at the end of the festival.



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Find all 5 points on the way into town, following the clues as you go, plus taking part in activities along the way.

Start at The Lexden Crown Pub

1

The Lexden Crown has a long and colourful history having been a beerhouse since 1851 with the original building dating back to the 1600's.

**Question:** How many hanging baskets hang from the wall of The Lexden Crown?

**Activity:** If you were going to plant up a hanging basket outside your house, what would you like to plant in it? Talk about this on the way to our next location.

2

Welcome to Spring Lane Park, through this opening is a fantastic place for a picnic and to enjoy some time in the sunshine

**Question:** What is the road called that you can see through the tree line?

**Activity:** See who can run to the large tree on the other side of the field first

3

At the top of the hill take a break and look up and down the road at all the trees that line Lexden Road.

**Question:** What do trees produce that benefit us?

**Activity:** As part of the Queens Jubilee, she wants us all to plant a tree. What tree would you plant up in your garden? Talk about this on the way to our next spot.

4

You have found the cast iron drinking trough marked Walter Macfarlane and Co, Saracen Foundry, Glasgow. Macfarlane's were a prolific manufacturer of cast iron street furniture between 1849 and 1965.

**Question:** What was this trough used for?

**Activity:** Have you seen any of these around Colchester before? If so, where?

5

This area is Crouch Street Square. A great place to have a coffee and at certain times of the day a quiet place to enjoy and meet.

**Question:** How many trees are planted in this area?

**Activity:** Take a seat and listen, see if you can hear the birds around this area.



## Heading into town for a walk on your own?

Why not listen to the Lexden Trail podcast with Lee Connelly, The Skinny Jean Gardener, as he talks about gardening ideas, makes and interviews! Find the podcasts on: [incolchester.co.uk/garden-festival](http://incolchester.co.uk/garden-festival)

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## Congratulations

You've made it to the final part of the trail, here at Colchester's Jumbo Water tower, the largest remaining Victorian water tower in Britain! Also home to the very first Colchester Garden Festival School Show Gardens.

**Question:** How many bricks make up the water tower?

**Activity:** Take a photo at the end point of the trail and post this on social media tagging @skinnyjeangardener and @incolchester with the hashtag @ColchesterGardenTrail for your chance to win!

