

# Old Heath Trail

## Clues for your next stop

- 1: Start at the entrance to Bourne Valley CO1 2EY
- 2: Head up hill to find a crossroad and lots of the worlds toughest plant.. grass!
- 3: You are looking for a large white building, you can't miss it on the way into town!
- 4: The BID have planted up many flower boxes throughout town. Can you find any on the way into town!
- 5: Head into the town centre and find a place where you could once make a wish.
- 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 entrance to Bourne Valley next to Butterfly Barns Nursery

1

This is the perfect start to our adventure, as we can explore Bourne Valley, a woodland that holds so much wildlife.

**Question:** What insect can you see written closely to the entrance of Bourne Valley?

**Activity:** Head into Bourne Valley and sit for a moment. What can you hear? Can you hear the birds tweeting? The Owls aTwooing? If you sit quietly you may even see the squirrels and even deer!

3

St Johns Orthodox Church is one of the largest Orthodox church buildings in Britain and is attended by 600 Orthodox parishioners.

**Question:** What colour are the doors on this church?

**Activity:** There are often birds on the grounds of this church. Can you see any birds finding their lunch?

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Here are some of the many BID planters that bring colour into town.

**Question:** How many planters approx are there in Colchester town centre?

**Activity:** Have a discussion on the way in to town about how you could create your own planter outside your home. What would you put into your planter?

5

You're almost at the final point! This is Culver Square in the heart of the town.

**Question:** What is in the middle of Culver Square and what did it use to be?

**Activity:** Spend some time in Culver Square to find out how pollinators help our plants grow, and also take part in some of the activities.

2

Welcome to the Recreation ground. Enjoy the open space or the park which is just through the gates.

**Question:** How long was the Pepper-corn lease agreed for this space?

**Activity:** Have a race across the field and see who is the fastest! A perfect place for a picnic too!



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

Why not listen to the Old Heath 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!

